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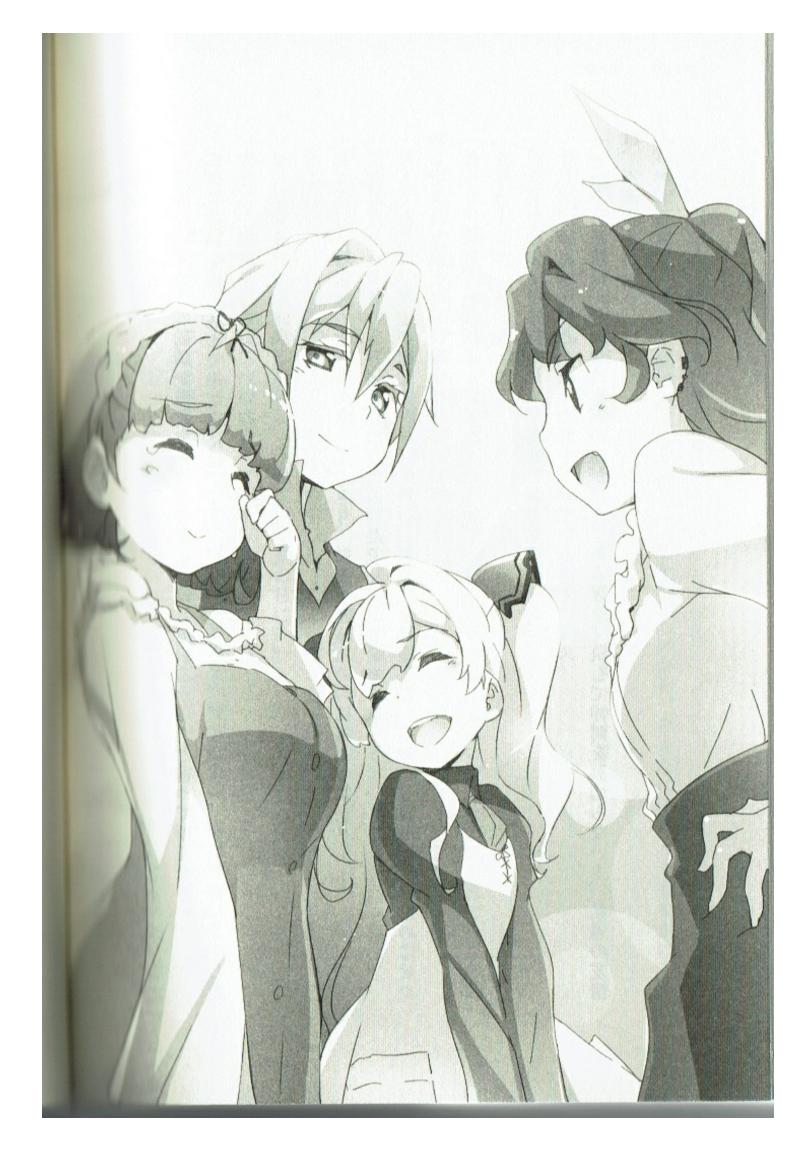
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## **Chapter 121: The city that I visited before**



"We will stay in this town tonight.

And if there's a request that looks good, we will clear it fast and earn a little more money" (Rena)

About 10 days since Red Oath departed from the capital. That evening, the girls arrived at a small town. Rena suggests to stay at this town and everyone nods.

By the way, everyone decided to not use the money they earned in the kingdom on the trip.

It is meaningless to live luxuriously with earned savings on a training journey.

The money saved up until now is sealed.

And, during this trip, Red Oath will only use the money they earn.

No, actually everyone intended to increase their stock more and more.

"Well, before going to the inn, we need to visit the guild and collect information first" (Rena)

"Oh!" (Mile + Maevis + Pauline)

Although we don't know if the guild have any interesting request, we will not visit the inn first.

In some cases, there's a possibility of going out for a request immediately or be invited to the residence of the client. Even that probability is really low, but ... we can't help it...

When the girls opened the door of the guild, as usual the gaze of the hunters who were there was concentrated on them all at once.

No matter what city's guild, this is just how it is.

This is already the habit of the hunters, so it can not be helped.

And, as usual, it was divided into those who lost interest, those who wonder what kind of girls they are, and those who looked down at strangers ... NOT.

"Hey, that girl ..." (Hunter A)

"Is not that "Copper slashing "girl?" (Hunter B)

"A hunter girl that was the pride of our town, she has returned ..." (Hunter C) Four girls of "Red Oath" are confused with the reaction of the guild.

"Ah, Mile-san!" (Laura)

When other hunters heard that screaming from the reception desk, more and more people gaze at the girls.

Mile checking her memories and finally remembered.

"Oh, Raou-san!" (Mile)

"It's Laura!" (Laura)

While listening to the receptionist's voice correct her name, Mile mutters.

"I thought that something's familiar about this town but now I see ..." (Mile)

After that, the guild master heard the news came running down from the second floor, and grabbed Mile's hands with teary eyes.

"Welcome back, I will reserve the dinner for you tonight, please wait a little until I'm done with my work!" (G.M)

That being said, Guild Master ordered Laura to reserve a restaurant and flew (T.N: I guess Author mean "ran fast") back to the room to finish the remaining work.

"What does this mean?" (Rena)

"Ha ha ha ..." (Mile)

Rena stares at Mile and makes her feel awkward, and she explains to other girls as well.

"In other words, that Guild Master was the one who recommended you to the hunter training school?" (Rena)

"Ah, yes" (Mile)

"Well, he was our benefactor! It was because of that person that we met, ...

But then again, he shouldn't have to suffer the trouble of giving Guild Master a recommendation the first time meeting a girl.

He must be either a fairly good person or a naive idiot.

So, which one of them should he be?

I didn't see him as a "very good person", though" (Rena)

"Ah uhm..., good person!" (Mile)

"Huh?" (Rena)

"As I said, he is a nice person!" (Mile)

(Oh that's right, there's another naive idiot here, ... ) (Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

The three girls correctly understood that.

As the girls confirm the request board there's only a request for herb collection. So they decided to skip work in this town and go to the next town tomorrow.

Laura-san who finished the reservation for dining hall returns, the Guild Master also comes down from his room on the second floor.

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"Well, let's go!" (G.M)
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The girls didn't complain as they get treated. Red Oath gladly followed the Guild Master and Laura.

The dining hall was a small shop as this is only a small town.

The first floor is a dining room and a kitchen, the third floor is the shopkeeper's residential area and warehouse, and the second floor is a guest room.

As it was so, Mile took a room at this shop before eating. It is safe even if you eat so much you cannot move.

"You came back and I welcome you!

That graduation exam, I had been watching with Laura. No, it was a wonderful fight ..." (G.M)

"Did you come to see it?" (Mile)

Mile is surprised by Guild Master 's words.

"Of course! It was me who recommended Mile and it's also an important

graduation test!

No, actually thanks to Mile's graduation with excellent results.

My recommendation was also highly praised and got a rank up, I also got a new year "Guild Master Excavation Award" and even our Guild became more famous. All thanks to Mile!" (G.M)

The guild master is overjoyed.

And a fun dinner party began.

Although she didn't directly watch but she had listened from other hunters.

Laura is also excited as she brags about Mile's tale such as "Great sword slashing" and "copper slashing" etc.

And only three girls drinking a little wine, excluding the underage Mile.

No, in this country there's no age restriction for drinking, it's only "self-regulation" of Mile with memories of the previous life.

Instead, Mile try to give Rena a hint. As long as we keep it in moderation the one who is paying won't feel uncomfortable.

But for the guild master who gained a rank and salary increase thanks to Mile, that was a trivial thing.

And the Guild Master keeps asking Mile about some great events or interesting things.

And Mile tells him about various thing, for example "Ancient Dragon and survey activities of beastkins "of course the amount of information limited.

The Guild Master is pleased with valuable information.

For the guild master, other hunters up until now only brought in troublesome things on a daily basis. Hearing such interesting stories is really great.

Sweet life, this is the best day ever.

Such words floated in Guild Master's mind.

Although the Guild Master is somewhat drunk, he still isn't late for work.

But as expected, he didn't go to work before the rush hour in the morning as usual.

He went to work right on time in the morning, the second bell (9 am) which is the regular attendance time.

As a matter of course, the receptionist gets to the office earlier than the Guild Master.

And Guild Master talked to Laura who is doing business at the counter without any worry about the wine smell left from last night, when she isn't serving any customers.

"Did everyone in the "Red Oath" come here today?" (G.M)

"Ah, yes, they came early in the morning. After greeting everyone including other hunters at that time and they left, but ..." (Laura)

Guild master nods with Laura's answer.

"Ho ho, It's nice to be young. They arrived only yesterday but already went working without a break.

So, which request did they take ?" (G.M)

"Nothing" (Laura)

"Huh?" (G.M)

The Guild master was agape with Laura's answer.

"No, because they headed to the next town and we didn't have any escort requests, so they couldn't receive any requests.

They were saying that they will hunt for animals or material collection that were permanent request on the way to the next town" (Laura)

"Huh?" (G.M)

Guild master can't understand the story.

"Well, weren't Mile and her party coming back to this town to settle here..." (G.M)

"What are you talking about, Master ... They are a promising newcomer with a lot of expectation right now.

They can't live in such a rural town like this with hardly any request.

They just dropped by while on the move" (Laura)

"Ee ... eee...eee ...!" (G.M)

The guild master collapses on the floor with despair on his face.

It was only half of a happy day ...

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"I hope that there will be an interesting request in the next town!" (Mile)

"Interesting request... NO

We should take up a request with good reward, Mile-chan!" (Pauline)

Pauline correcting Mile's remarks while walking in the highway.

"No, as a matter of fact, I'd like to have a request with high credit points, so that we can become B rank and then A rank Hunter sooner ..." (Maevis)

Maevis is also saying her wish.

"Well, then we will only get fun, good rewards and high credit point requests.

Anyway we will go to the next town! And at the same time we will hunt monsters and animals for material purposes!

Right now, we have insufficient power, insufficient knowledge, insufficient experience, and above all, insufficient gold coins!" (Rena)

Three girls smile bitterly with Rena's words.

However, this is a journey of learning, a journey of making money. So everyone replied like usual.

"Oh!!" (Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

And because Red Oath have no fixed destination, Mile left everything to Rena who had experience with traveling when she was younger.

But Mile forgot an important thing.

She had run away from her country, reached this town and from this town traveled to the Capital in the past.

And now, the girls have traveled from the kingdom and reached that town.

Then, if the girls go straight this way, where will they head to?

(T.N: sound hard to understand but it as like this:

Adel from A -> Mile at B -> Red Oath at C. Now Red Oath at C -> travel to Town B -> A , what is A place ?)

And the "Red Oath" went straight to the road opposite to the Capital's direction.

They are looking forward to the requests in the next town.

## **Chapter 122: Stories of adults**



"What did you say!" (King of Tirus)

This is royal palace of the Tirus Kingdom.

There are four people in the King's chamber: the King himself, the Prime Minister, the living legend Sword Saint that climbed up in status from hunter to aristocrat, Earl Christopher, and the Guild Master of the Hunter Guild Capital Branch.

"Didn't I tell you to secure them properly?" (King)

Earl Christopher tries to calm down the king, who yelled at the guild master's report.

"Please calm down, Your Majesty.

Just as reported by the Guild Master, they have not transferred to another country ...

They're just taking a journey to train, and to seek interesting, challenging and difficult requests.

They are still young hunters, it's natural" (Chris)

"... That reminds me, I was told that the Earl Christopher also traveled around different countries when he was a hunter

And even after receiving the Earl title, I still sometimes heard rumors that you went out for some request without permission ..." (King)

"Ah ha ha ha ..." (Chris)

Earl Christopher scratches his head as he smiles wryly to change the topic.

And the Earl continued to defend the Guild Master.

"Well, hunters often have that kind of personality ...

Besides, after traveling to a certain extent, you will somehow get satisfied and settle down in your own country. I was like that, too.

Besides, that girl Pauline, whose family is living and working in our country.

And that young lady Maevis is a daughter of a noble family of our country ...

Further more Maevis is ..." (Chris)

"She is what ?" (King)

Earl Christopher answers the question of the king with a wry smile.

"She wants to become a knight.

You can easily tie her up if you can give her the title knight.

And in the future she may become the captain knight

Unlike hunters that keep their technique and training method to themselves. As a captain knight, she will teach her own squad her technique and training method. It will later even spread among our country armies" (Chris)

"Hm..." (King)

After hearing the Earl's plan, the king regained his compusure.

"But what about Mile and Rena.

Didn't Mile come from another country, isn't there a possibility of her returning to her home country?" (King)

"No, according to information we heard from other students

There were rumors that Mile seems to be a former noble, who was chased away from her homeland. She threw away her family name and lived as a hunter.

If it's really so, we can deal with her easy..." (Chris)

The Earl had reached a good point but paused for a moment. The king urged him to speak as soon as possible.

Earl Christopher raised his left thumb up.

"A girl who has escaped to another country, losing everything, the country, the family, the identity as a nobility, and so on.

After all that then all her own talent was recognized and was given a noble title by His Majesty the King.

Doesn't it make her want to become loyal to our country?" (Chris)

"I see!" (3 man)

Everyone praised the Earl's plan.

Well, he didn't become the Earl for nothing. And of course, they don't need to give the girl a title like Earl.

It can be a baroness position, a knighthood of a noble aristocrat, or a semiaristocrat.

"Guild Master, is there any other problem ..." (King)

The guild master was asked by the king, looked a little troubled and slowly answered.

"No, all other problems have already been said already ..." (G.M)

"What!" (King)

"Well, just as Earl Christopher said earlier

Hunters are that kind of people ...

It is normal for many of those who became hunters to go on a journey around countries while they are young.

And in this case, they have already traveled after graduating from Hunter training school without waiting for 5 years.

So unless they are working for our country for 5 years, they can't become free.

Of course, we don't permit officially transferring overseas, it's a temporary expedition.

And while they are working outside of the country, we will not count the 5 years obligation in the rule.

To fulfill the condition, they need to return home without fail after a certain amount of time and work for our country.

They are still too young, and they have extraordinary talent.

Even if they found a man in another country, I will work hard to stop it.

No man can tolerate the harassment that is very troublesome from the guild Faction.

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Ho ho, I can't resist it ..." (G.M)
"....." (King + P.Minister)
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Listening to the explanation of Guild Master, the King and the Prime Minister became silent. Earl Christopher knew about that as a matter of course.

"Besides, given their past actions, there's hardly any entanglement ..." (G.M)

"Is that so ..." (King)

When the Guild Master tells the king so, the Prime Minister and Count Christopher also nodded.

"Also even if the hunters do something wrong, they need to take responsibility themselves. Neither the country nor the guild will take responsibility for them.

But if they make some achievements in other countries, we can claim that they are citizens of our country and that they are hunters registered in our country, in other words, it's all thanks to our country" (G.M)

Hearing about the horrible intent, this time Christopher put up a disgusted face.

"No, just because they are new promising hunters, it doesn't mean they will do anything like that" (Chris)

In the end, it was decided to let the "Red oath"do as they like.

However, it's absolutely impossible to relocate to another country. It is the same as if one went to go to marry a man from another country.

Even if it is man from this country, if he is not suitable for a girl, it will become disadvantageous for the country. So he would be prohibited from being with the girl in the first place.

In case of any achievement, the King would consider bestowing a title.

All of those above were decided.

In this way, the "Red Oath"'s hurdle to find a suitable partner was raised very high, however even the girls themselves weren't aware of this.

Of course, it was another matter whether or not they would follow it ...

"We are the C rank Hunter Party "Red Oath"that received the escort request. We would like to thank you for the request this time" (Maevis)

"No, we are the ones who must say thanks!" (Merchant)

The merchant returns a greeting to Maevis.

This is a town close to the borderline, we have received the escort request from here to the neighboring country. The client is a small merchant team of five carriages, led by three merchants.

There are total of 9 people: Red Oath, 3 merchants, and two people more that seems like the merchant's family.

Unlike large-scale merchants from the capital city and big cities, this level is more common.

Several days ago, Rena announced that "We will leave the country, I think that it is necessary to ride the carriage in an escort request"

Everyone was satisfied with that announcement, it wasn't a big trouble.

And if we received an escort request, we would also have more income,

Until we can find a good escort request, we can either withdraw money or hunt while waiting.

In order to avoid other hunters taking the escort requests that's across the border, only three girl were doing hunt and collecting quest, one is waiting in the guild.

And Rena has been chosen.

At the time when a good request was issued and attached to the board, Rena stripped it off at lightning-fast speed.

And when Rena finished the order procedure, she soon went to the merchants and had small meeting with the merchant. After that, she waited for other girls to come back at the inn.

Rena had already finished her work, so she didn't have to wait alone in the guild. There was no problem if she relaxed at the inn.

And now it is time for the departure with the merchant team.

As expected, rumors of the "Red Oath"have not spread to this place.

Even if that name was well known in the Capital city, they are only a C rank party after all.

Rumors that transmitted to such a small town in rural areas are either from S rank or the top A rank.

If it's a B rank party, its name would be recognizable in neighboring towns.

And they decided to forget that their name was well known in the kingdom.

From now on, as an unknown brand-new C-rank hunter party, we return to the beginning and act humbly as a newcomer.

Until we make a name for ourselves. (T.N: become famous)

The deployment of the escort, in the top carriage: Mile and Pauline. And the last carriage: Maevis and Rena.

Everyone thought of this arrangement was optimal considering the balance between vanguard and rear guard, distribution of attack power, etc.

Also, it was natural that Mile uses the detection magic from the start.

Mile didn't want everyone rely too much with this magic.

However, this is in the escort mission which protecting human life as the first priority.

That's why while traveling, Mile was talking only with Pauline and the man.

As for the seating arrangement, Pauline was next to the man and Mile was sitting on the roof as usual.

At the first carriage, the man isn't a merchant, but a hired manager.

Of course, he never turns around, he doesn't want to be thought as a pervert trying to peep under a girl's skirt.

Mile knew about the capital and the town where she had registered as hunter in this country.

After that, she also dropped by a couple of towns and villages for a short time

with her request task. She wasn't interested in traveling routes and destinations.

Even if she hears the name of the highway, she doesn't know it.

Even if she hears the name of the town, she forgets it immediately.

An escort reuqest is a task that only needs to defeat bandits and monsters that attack the client.

However, as long as we stay together, I don't have to worry about anything.

All of this order processing, coordination with the client, *etc.* were done by Rena alone.

Rena is also the daughter of a peddler, and isn't an amateur when it comes to travelling and transactions.

So Mile didn't have to worry about anything.

Besides, when she goes to a city for the first time, she can have an excited and enjoyable visit.

That's why, unlike Pauline, who heard everything from Rena and Maevis while on break.

Mile just went on to hunt some prey for dinner while on the move.

Mile knew nothing about the next destination.

And of course, Mile didn't have enough of a memory to remember the way she went through only once before in a hurry almost a year ago.

Besides, the scenery from the opposite direction seemed totally different.

The border line was near.

And the carriage is on the move, carrying an excited Mile.

# **Chapter 123: Riding carriage**



"Well, sorry for the trouble ..." (Merchant +) The merchants and their family

said their gratitude to the Red Oath party as they chewed on the cooked meat.

Yes, just like usual, "Red Oath"hunted the animal/monster nearby, cooked it and then shared it with the merchants.

"Is this the storage magic ...?

I had met a magician that can use storage magic before, but his capacity was only a little bit.

... to think you have such magic, I'm so jealous ..." (Merchant A)

For any merchants, storage magic is enviable.

Moreover, this girl can even pull out an assembled tent. Just how much is this girl's storage limit?

"Well, to be honest, since your party was only made up of young girls, I was a bit worried, but I guess this is ..." (Merchant B)

Another merchant was sitting next to the campfire, looked up at the large amount of firewood available, the state of their energetic horses (horses that should have been tired from pulling carriages the entire day), the availability of a lot of rabbit meat and murmured so.

Maevis chose a fallen tree because it's easier to burn than raw trees, and she had made a lot of firewood by cutting with her sword in a matter of minutes.

Rena burned the firewood to make campfire in an instant without chanting.

Pauline used recovery magic to cure the horses' tiredness.

And, Mile pulled out a tent and a lot of prey.

These merchants also hired escorts many times before.

They understand the Average ability of C rank Hunters well enough.

And the "Red Oath" are clearly above Average.

There is no need to see how they fight to know their power.

The carriages had already crossed the border in the evening.

Even if it's the country's border line, it isn't separated by a wall or a steel wire net.

And there isn't any watchmen's soldier either.

There's no budget, personnel, or meaning to deploy such things on a long border line that runs through unmanned wasteland.

Only important cities like the capital or a main trading city are built as castle cities surrounded by walls.

The country didn't have the budget to build walls for towns with no strategic importance.

The defense of such a town was the reliance on soldiers, mercenaries, and fighting power provided by the hunters.

Even in modern Earth, the border line of a considerable country is completely free.

No, of course not every country.

There are still many countries where the border line was strictly protected.

And the main purpose of those are monitored border lines and to block incoming people. Some countries have border lines to stop and repel people escaping from their country.

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It was around the afternoon of the next day.

Mile detected suspicious movements ahead, stopped the merchant and called everyone.

"There are groups with strange arrangements ahead,

there's a horse carriage stopped on the highway, 8 people riding on it and 6 people surrounding that area" (Mile)

"Well, that's ... " (Rena)

Mile nodded to Rena.

"Yes, most likely..." (Mile)

"Thieves that're trying to attack a carriage, right" (Maevis)

"If there are eight people on a horse-drawn carriage, it isn't a merchant

wagon but a carriage ...?" (Pauline)

Maevis and Pauline also roundly guess what's happening.

"There are no other bandits in the surrounding area that can ambush our carriages.

So ... Can we go? " (Mile)

Mile asked the merchants for permission.

As the girls were hired and in an escort request right now

The girls can't leave their employer without permission.

It is these merchants who are paying for Red Oath to escort them.

Besides, there are six bandits over there, this party only have 4 young girls. Two of them even look like underage children.

If these girls get caught up, the Bandits will know the existence of this merchant group

There is a possibility that they will be attacked as well.

With a full loaded wagon, there's no way these merchants can run away from Bandits.

It's a foolish thing to do, get all that trouble to face danger that should safely be avoided if the merchants wait for a while.

And doing foolish thing isn't suitable as a merchant.

"Please go ahead!" (Merchant A)

... It was an immediate answer.

3 girls are happy hearing that, and Pauline looks like a little surprised.

For Pauline, who was raised as a merchant that was an unexpected reply.

But Pauline smiled immediately as if she loved the reply of the merchant.

"There are three kind of rewards for exterminating thieves.

The highest one is if we can capture them alive.

If we take them alive, we will get 7 gold coins per bandit sold as criminal

slaves, we also get 3 gold coins per bandit subjugation, total 10 gold coins each bandit

Because they have 6 people then we will get ...

Heh heh heh ... " (Pauline)

... That smile was a bit black.

Actually the merchants gave permission to help because they believe in the ability of "Red Oath"

But rather than worrying about if either Red Oath can win or not, when they heard Pauline's monologue as if it was decided to capture all of bandits alive. All the merchants had a bitter smile.

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"Give up soon and come out!" (Bandit leader)

The bandit who seemed to be the leader of the bandit group who surrounded the horse carriage, shouts loudly to threaten the people in the carriage.

Because the bandits already came close, the horse-drawn carriage can't forcibly run away anymore.

If the driver dares to do so, he will be slashed before the carriage gets enough speed to break though.

There are customs that bandits try not to harm the people as much as possible, in order to avoid getting attention from the country. But it isn't so if the merchant tries to escape or resist.

So, usually, the merchants don't go against the bandits, nor resists to run away.

Even the goods in wagon are important, it can't compare to the life of the merchant himself and other people.

Besides, passengers won't get killed if they follow the bandit's demand quietly.

However, women may be taken away. It is bad luck for them, but at least they won't be killed.

We never know if the bandits will have their way with the women or sell them somewhere. Still, it would be better than to be killed.

With that thought, the guard freed himself from the guilt feelings, sitting in the seats without doing anything, watching the situation.

But for the passengers, it's completely unacceptable.

For ladies, girls, and their families, that is the end of the world. Even if they can be tolerable to bandits taking away all their money, including their luggage and accessories.

Because sometimes there are some guards or hunters who happen to ride along with the carriage.

Also, the bandits can't be sure that there will be no one who's willing to die in order to protect his wife and child.

Thus, the thieves ordered the passengers to go out without carelessly approaching the carriage.

However, the seven passengers on this carriage didn't seem to be able to fight with the bandits.

There is a young hunter, a middle aged merchant with a dagger for self-defense. A little girl around 10 years old.

A young couple with nearly zero fighting power and a small girl who is 5-6 years old that seems like their child.

And a thin old man with a staff.

"I'm sorry, I can't fight with as many as six bandits, I will surrender from the beginning" (Young Hunter)

There was no one blaming the young hunter when he said so.

He didn't receive an escort request, so they can't force him to die in a battle that he can't win.

Another concern of the passengers was the 2 young girls and the woman with them.

But then the girl said unexpectedly:

"I can use a little magic, I may deal serious injuries to about 1 or 2 bandits.

That way, the bandits won't have enough hands to capture other people and give up taking your child along.

It's not a high probability, but it's better than not doing anything" (10 Y.O Loli) "Huh..." (Young couple)

The young couple open their eyes in surprise to the girl's words.

"But, if you do such a thing, you will be killed ..." (Woman)

"If you think about what will happen after you were taken alive, getting killed maybe better" (10 Y.O Loli)

The young girl said that and shrug her shoulders.

"Then, Let's undertake it" (Old man)

Everyone is surprised with the old man's word and looked at him.

"What? I have already lived long enough and I don't have anyone left, even if I die now, it's still better than to let such a young girl die" (Old Man)

"Well, I am alone too ..." (Middle age Merchant)

The middle age merchant with a dagger also followed after.

"Well, of course, we also fight!" (Young Couple)

The young couple also said so, but they do not seem to be able to fight properly.

"You guys, don't be foolish! Well then, I guess I have to do it, too!" (Young Hunter)

The young Hunter irritatingly said so, but his face was smiling.

"As you said, we can't kill all of them but at least we can seriously injure two or three bandits so that they can't take the women away.

Even if we are killed, it's still a victory. (lost the battle win the war or something like that)

Once the fight is over, they will not try to kill the survivors.

If they do such a thing, it means that thieves have killed everyone and it will be quite troublesome for them, too.

I would like to appeal that we choose to fight and surrender after seriously injuring at least 2-3 of them.

But if we are still surviving and have enough combat power ..." (Young Hunter)
The young Hunter raises his voice.

"We will annihilate the remaining bandits, triumphantly return to the kingdom and divide the reward" (Young hunter)

And a strategy meeting began.

#### Chapter 124: Clothes that we saw before

"Come out obediently! If you don't come out quickly ..." (Bandit leader)

No matter how much the bandit leader threatened, the passengers didn't come out from the carriage at all.

The bandit leader was getting more and more impatient, and then he signaled one of his men.

And that bandit approached the horse-drawn carriage. But when he tried to climb on the carriage...

"Gya~!" (Bandit A)

The bandit felt down from the carriage.

"Gya..., my eyes! my eyes!" (Bandit A)

When he fell, his body hits the ground strongly, it must have been painful on his body as well. Regardless, that bandit held his eyes with his hands.

"What the hell are you doing!" (Bandit Leader)

Actually the bandit leader doesn't really need to ask because he could see it well.

That bandit was attacked at his eyes. It was just that.

Because using hands isn't enough, he thrust his head into the canopy. (T.N: I think he was hit by a firebolt in his face or something, If he has water he can wash his eyes and his face, but right now he can only use canopy like a towel)

Taking down a bandit that completely let his guard down at his weak point is something that even a child can do.

The bandits didn't know the strength of the passenger's side but for now they are falling back a little. In order to help the fallen bandit, other bandits drag him back a little while keeping watch on the carriage.

"Damn it!" (Bandit leader)

The bandits are angry now but unless they can attach a simple staircase they can't attack ithe carriage.

In order to get on the carriage, they must climb it by both hands, and they can't counter an attack from inside the cabin.

And if they use fire, both the passengers and goods will be ruined. However, they still have one last choice

"Cut out the hood! It doesn't matter even if those guys get injured!" (Bandit leader)

At the time the bandit leader gives order and the minions tries to swing the swords and spears at the carriage.

"Freeze!" (Mile)

Four hunter girls appeared from behind them.

They are surprised and somewhat feel fear for a moment even if they are thieves.

But when they look carefully, the hunters that appeared are only 2 girls aged from 12 to 13 and 2 girls aged from 16 to 17.

[ A veteran C rank hunter can fight with two bandits alone, but with 4 young girls like this, can they even fight one of us? Besides, four of them gathered in one place, it will be quite easy to catch them all. Such foolish girls ] (Bandit leader's inner thought)

The bandit leader shouts without hesitation.

"Stop attacks on the carriage, change of plan, (gotta) catch 'em all (alive)!

Try not to injure them as much as possible or their selling value will fall!" (Bandit leader) (T.N: this time is a meme, please don't fix 'em to them)

"... They dare to say such a thing?" (Mile)

"Okay everyone, (gotta) catch 'em all. Try not to kill them as much as possible. You can injure them because we can apply healing magic later, their value when the guild sell them as criminal slaves will not go down" (Rena)

Even everyone already knew about it because that's what Red Oath usually

do, but Rena still shouts it out loud. (T.N: to provoke the bandits, I guess)

"It's not like all of us need to do it. So who will do it this time?" (Mile)

"To avoid hurting them as much as possible, but enough for them to reflect on their deeds ..., Pauline, you will do" (Rena)

Pauline nodded at Rena.

Mile was prepared just in case the bandits tried to take passengers hostage. Well, even if a hostage is taken, Mile can deal with the bandit easily without harm to the hostage.

Pauline doesn't speak at all because she casts spells in her head.

The Bandits don't think that such a small girl can use attack magic without chanting and they believe that they can attack even before the chant begins, it will not be a problem for them.

Besides, if this small girl can use attack magic, its power and speed are about as much as a dull fireball, and can be easily avoided.

The two other little girls aren't any problem, but the most worrisome must be the swordman girl.

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"... Ku~?" (Bandit Leader)
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"Ka~haa!" (Bandit B)

"Ku~hiiii!!" (Bandit C, D, E)

Suddenly 5 bandits holding their face with both hands in agony.

Their eyes, nose, mouth and throat are hot like burning. It was an intolerable and intense pain.

And the pain also spreads on the exposed cheeks, around the neck, arms and legs...

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"A~hi, A~hi, Hi~iiii!" (Bandits)
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"Gya~hi! Evil, it's An Evil magic!"(Bandit Leader) (this time is Evil = Akuma, not Ma = devil race)

Five bandits rolled on the ground.

Only the bandit that was already rolling in the ground was spared because he was already harmless.

"... Magical power in the air, disassemble, let this power be extinguished!" (Pauline)

Pauline casts another magic to neutralize the spicy ingredients drifting in the air.

"Passengers, we are the Hunter party"Red Oath "! We already defeated the bandits! You are safe now!" (Mile)

As Miles cried out, the passengers heard it and felt a little relieved.

One of them looked out from where they hid.

"U~wo, it's true! Everyone, it's true, the bandits have been defeated by the the hunter girls!"

When they heard the merchant's shout, they all came out from hiding.

"Ooooooh!" (???)

"Oooooh, we are saved!" (???)

Passengers shout out their relief and joy one by one.

And Pauline murmured as a riddle.

"... Somehow, it's hard to demand a rescue fee when they are like this ..." (Pauline)

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Mile and Maevis are in charge of capturing the violently rolling bandits, Of course the rope is from Mile's storage.

This time it's a very ordinary rope. It's not necessary to use something with "technology far beyond the times" with some bandits. [ED: when the word very ordinary I thought it was a carbon nanotube rope again]

Pauline went to call the merchant, Rena is talking with the passengers.

Although the girls aren't planning to make money with such a thing, however they can't afford to work for free.

It's not because the girls want money, but if they do not ask for the money, it will be troublesome to other hunters. So at least they can help keep the amount cheap, and they can tell the guild about the fact that they got "rewarded"

First of all, for safety confirmation, the young hunter got down and confirmed the surroundings, followed by other passengers coming down one after another.

The middle-aged man who seems to be a merchant, an elder man with gray hair, a young couple with a little girl who seems like their daughter, and lastly a young girl about 10 years old who seems to be traveling alone.

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"Eh...!?" (Rena)
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Rena who saw the young girl, surprised and raised her voice.

Heard Rena's voice, Mile finished the capturing and looked towards the carriage, raising her astonishment voice as well.

"Eeeeeeeehhhhh!" (Mile)

This young girl had returned to her parents' home in a long-term vacation, she wasn't wearing normal clothes, but was wearing a school uniform.

Actually, it wasn't because this young girl's family didn't have money to buy private clothes, but in this country, entering the school in the Kingdom's capital is a considerable status.

And her parents told her"Absolutely wear your uniform whenever you go outside!"and that young girl had been doing that all the time.

And Rena was familiar with that uniform. Of course, the same with Mile.

Mile fearfully asked the young girl.

"Ah, excuse me, what was the name of this country ...?" (Mile)

And the young girl answered with a blank face.

"Well, this is Brandel kingdom, don't you know it? Ah, you came from Tirus Kingdom side, right? When you crossed the border line, you were already in Brandel Kingdom" (Loli)

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"..." (Mile)
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"?" (Loli)

"Aaaaaa ~~ !!" (Mile

#### **Chapter 125: To the nostalgic kingdom**

After that battle, the merchant team changed their formation a little.

The coaching carriage going as the vanguard. Red Oath had put all the bandits there. The bandits were cured a little to the point that they regained their vision. Pauline cares about the price the bandits would fetch when handing them over as criminal slaves to the guild after all.

And the second one is the carriage of the merchant group. All of "Red Oath" is aboard on this carriage. Should something happen in the coaching carriage, the girls would know right away.

The young couple and their daughter are riding in the next carriage.

And it isn't good to show a young girl something dirty, that's why the young couple and their daughter move to the last carriage.

The 10 years old girl, Fuseliru is riding the same carriage with the "Red Oath"

In order to make room for the wagon, some of the baggage was put in Mile's storage.

The merchants are looking at it with envious eyes, and Mile was somewhat sorry.

And Rena negotiated the reward with the passengers. She didn't want to make money with something like this, however Red Oath also couldn't help for free, or the other hunters will be troubled.

So, even though it's just a small token of thanks, the girls must get a reward.

Rena pushed aside Pauline's frustration and asked the passengers to pay with a cheap price.

The passengers agreed with delight, not frustration.

And, at the same time, Red Oath were asked to accompany them to the destination in the capital.

The girls got the approval of the merchants and agreed on the contract.

Just a while ago, the passengers were about to lose their life and wealth. And now they get an absolutely invincible escort at a cheap price.

This is an emergency nomination request with agreement on site but the girls can treat it as a post-treatment request.

By doing so, it's still a proper request, it will be handled formally through the guild and an extra fee will be paid (to the guild), but Red Oath will get credibility points.

Because Rena agreed with a cheap price, the extra amount of fee will be small as well, and Pauline had a disappointed face ...

This time, the passengers don't seem to be wealthy.

Even if we are heading to the same direction, normal hunters won't usually want more trouble, protecting additional people at such a cheap price. It's common sense to request an emergency nomination request at the site with an outrageous amount.

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And now, "Red Oath" listened to various stories from Fuseliru-chan.

Mile couldn't stay calm, she asks a lot about what she's concerned about.

"Uhm, is there a cat in your school?"

Fuseliru looked a little surprised, but immediately answered happily.

"Ah, yes! He often visits girl's room, "Insect-Repellent-sama" was pretty much living in the Ekland school as well!" (Fuseliru)

"Insect Repellent?" (Rena + Maevis + Pauline)

"-Sama?" (Mile)

Rena, Maevis and Pauline are surprised hearing that name.

And Mile cares more about the attached honorific "-Sama"

"Yes, "Insect-Repellent-sama" is the angel of the goddess.

He was loved by the three supreme onee-sama, the "Wonder Three "

And she often visits the dormitories for beginners and intermediate students

and repels all insects and rats for us"(Fuseliru) "....." (Rena + Maevis + Pauline) When Rena looks at the quiet Mile, Mile was blowing foam with white eyes. In the camping time, Fuseliru was joining the passengers in the carriage. And after dinner. "... Mile, is this country?" (Rena) "... Yes ..." (Mile) "So now, we are heading to the your home country's capital and we also have a double contract with a merchant and a carriage" (Rena) "....." (Mile) Mile can not reply to Rena. We can't simply break the contract nor simply walk into the capital. "So, Mile, what do you want to do?" (Rena) "I ..." (Mile)

"What?" (Rena)

"Oh, I'd like to see my friends, that I left behind without being able to say goodbye!" (Mile)

Rena lightly hits Mile's head with Ponpon.

"That's fine, you are only 13 years old. Let us spoil you sometimes too. Even if you are the one who teaching us at the training school, but we are much older than you and we are like your older sister" (Rena)

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"U, u~e, uee~e~e..." (Mile)
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Mile clung to Rena and burst into tears, Pauline smiled gently and Maevis extended her hand excitedly...

Apparently, it seemed that she wanted to take over Rena.

However, it seems that Rena doesn't want to share, and Maevis dropped her

A few days later.

The merchant group and the coaching carriage arrived safely at the capital.

Then the girls received the request completion certificate from each group.

Since the merchant always deposits a certain amount of money in the guild, the reward will be handed over from the guild.

The coaching carriage pays their fee directly to Red Oath.

And the request are voluntarily from passenger, it is not from the manager's request through the hunter guild so they need to pay directly.

If hunters do request that doesn't pass through the guild, they get the full fee without points.

But if they treat it as a post-treatment, you must pay the share to the guild.

Normally, there aren't many hunters treat it as a post-treatment, because they will lose some fee.

However, since "Red Oath" wants achievement points to a faster promotion of rank B.

They also don't have trouble with money. So they report it to the guild.

Four girls headed to the guild with the coaching carriage and the merchant group went separately in front of the commercial guild.

Mile remained in the carriage before passing through the town gate, as soon as the girls separated from the merchant, Mile entered the back alley.

And as soon as she returned to the main street, Mile's hair had changed to blond hair, and her eyes turned brown, her face became an unfamiliar face.

Hair and eyes were changed pigment. And her face is camouflage by optical conversion process.

Though her face doesn't change the shape so much, the impression was changed greatly. Which makes it impossible to think that they are the same

person.

Also Mile's face wasn't really well-known in this country, even if someone met Adel once before, there's nothing to do with Mile.

It's only bad when Mile's identity as "Adel"is revealed.

So, as Mile disguised herself, the four of them headed to the guild with a peace of mind.

And in their hands is a rope, the rope was connected with 6 bandits to its end.

The bandits were unloaded from the carriage just before the girls parted.

Both their wrists as well as the arms are tied to their body.

It wasn't possible to run with full power because their neck was connected by a rope with "a type of tying that would tighten if pulled"

Yes, it was an elaborate restraint to a degree that they absolutely can't escape.

Mile had stayed a year and a couple of months in the Capital of Brandel's kingdom.

But she has never entered the Hunter Guild here before.

She got tense and stepped into the guild. And a lot of people gazed at the doorbell ringing.

And they immediately lost interest with the young girl party. their line of sight return to original.

It is a familiar sight that has been repeated in many guilds for many times.

"I'm sorry, can you please help us do the completion of the escort request and post-treatment of the emergency request at this local site?" (Mile)

"Ah, yes, here please!" (Receptionist)

As Mile declared near the entrance, the emergency requester was a bit cumbersome in procedure, so the receptionist got out of the counter and gave the girls a guide to the consultation table.

Followed after Mile, Rena, Pauline, Maevis are the 6 bandits and the rope is

held by Maevis. All of them going through the door into the guild all together.

"Wh...what!" (Hunters)

The hunters who were sitting at the table seat and the guild officials across the counter are surprised.

"Ah, I'm sorry, please also pick up the bandits as well" (Mile)

Mile, in a hurry, applied for the addition of processing. She seemed to forget about the bandits.

## **Chapter 126: Visitors**









The procedure at the guild was over without any problems.

There was no problem with the post-treatment of the local emergency request.

The girls handed over the bandits to the guild and the reward from selling those bandits as crime slaves were also the expected amounts.

The girls also handed over the envelope from the coach of the carriage paying a small amount from the reward.

Even if the amount is small, Red Oath still received credit as "Hunters that have raised the name of the guild" kind of thing.

After that, "Red Oath" was smiling happily as they left the guild.

"..." (Receptionist)

After the "Red Oath"left, the receptionist who was dealing with Red Oath was wondering.

"What's wrong, Cheren?" (Guild Staff)

Another guild staff is worried about the receptionist named Cheren as she spaced out.

"Well, I guess I have seen those girls before ... However, it is impossible for me to forget about those young and pretty C ranked hunter girls if I met them once. They can even catch 6 bandits without getting any injuries. Aaahh, I cannot remember! My memory is in a haze!" (Cheren)

There's a reason she can't remember it.

If the dolls (Figure) looks exactly like those girls, she may notice it.

But the dolls only resemble Red Oath , they aren't really made so much in detail.

Unlike the Guild Master, she only just had a glimpse at those dolls on the boss's desk for a couple of times.

Moreover, the girl who resembles the most eye-catching silver-haired doll

had changed her appearance.

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"U~n, un..." (Cheren)
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"Let's just give it up already! And return to work quickly!" (Guild Staff)

And as the receptionist named Cheren was scolded by her colleague, she gave up thinking about it.

Conversely, one of the event timelines that should have happened got diverted. (T.N: Too bad, reader, Mile didn't get found out by her country)

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Mile and everyone didn't take the inn.

In order to avoid the risk of Mile being discovered as much as possible, the girls plan to leave the kingdom after tonight's work.

"Well, let's go check the time after having a meal over there, do you have the letter to deliver?" (Rena)

"Yes, I finished writing ..." (Mile)

Mile takes out a letter from storage and give it to Rena.

"Well, we should eat the meal soon. Mile, you don't have to worry too much, we will get in and send it properly!" (Rena)

Rena said that while holding the letter she had from Mile.

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In the evening, the last classes must have finished sometime ago. After class, everyone should be returning to the room in the dormitory.

There are three girls passing through the main gate of Ekland School. Sometimes, the students may have their personal activities from outside school after class end, and they will return after a while. Well, students are free to go in and out as long as they don't pass the curfew.



One girl has red hair wearing school uniform together with a 'somewhat large' girl wearing exercise clothing.

The sight of the gatekeeper was sucked in by her body, which shouldn't be from 12 to 13 years old, he is wondering if this girl is an upper-class student or not.

The last one was probably their older sister or something. A blonde, swordsman-style girl went through the gate with a slightly embarrassed face.

No problem. Even if it's somewhat strange, it is far from being an invasion by suspicious individuals, which are the key targets to be stopped.

The gatekeeper was thinking like that and didn't do anything.

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Concon! (SFX)

"Who are you?" (Mercella)

Marcella heard someone knocking on the door of her room, but when she asked she got an unexpected replies ...

"Thief ..." (Pauline)

"You, what are you talking about!" (Rena)

"Well, Mile is accustomed to replying so at such times ..." (Pauline)

"What are you accustomed to?! What would you do if she gets suspicious!" (Rena)

It was already quite suspicious.

Marcella rubbed her temple with the middle fingers of both hands.

[Something, I felt like It was a long time since I had been tired this way, it was a little nostalgic] (Marcella's inner thought)

"... Who are you?"(Marcella)

"Thief..." (Pauline)

"I already heard that, cut it out!" (Marcella)

By this time of the year, the elementary students had returned to the school, those kind might come frequently.

"I want to talk"

"I want to become your friend"

"Onee-sama please talk to me!"

"Please give me the protection of the goddess!"

"I want to join the Wonder Three and make it Wonder Four from today. Ho ho"

However, Marcella had excluded all that. She doesn't think that they will come again.

When she thought of what to do, this time she heard a small voice.

After speaking so loud and clear, why are they talking in a small voice this time ...

While thinking so, as a habit, Marcela listens carefully with her ears.

"A bakery, squeezing the air, a small bone, a child with a mother-in-law, run away from some rural town ..." (Mile)

Ba~an! (SFX)

"Gya!" (Rena)

Rena shouts in a loud voice when her face was hit by the door. She got a nosebleed.

"... my apologies" (Marcella)

A few minutes later.

Pauline casts healing magic, finally the nosebleed stopped, the pain also subsided.

"Well, well, you didn't do it on purpose, so it's okay ..." (Rena)

Just before, Marcella panicky pulled the three girls into her room, immediately called Monica and Oriana.

And they each came to Marcella's room with their own chair.

Rena, Maevis and Pauline are sitting in bed while Marcela, Monica, Oriana are sitting in their chair and facing each other.

When talking from a higher viewpoint it carries favorable pressure advantageously.

Marcella who brought it to this position thought so.

And for now, Marcella apologized once more for having injured Rena.

But Marcella was unwilling to stop with apologize alone.

"Well, you can get into the subject. The color of the ribbon tie of your uniform is for senior student. But there is no one like you two in our grade. And you, the one who wears exercise clothes. That is also the color of a senior student, but you also are not in my grade. In other words, you are fake students, illegal intruders. More than half of the students in this school are children of nobility. To say that if there are intruders here, of course, you will need preparation for death sentence to the intruders..." (Marcella)

Three people are having blue face.

"Wait, wait! Here, this!" (Rena)

In a hurry, Rena took out from her pocket was a letter put between a broken bamboo stick.

While presenting it, Rena say.

"O... o... ne... ga...i... de... go..." (Rena) (T.N: I guess Rena plan to say Onegai Degozaru, but translate to Please is losing the fun)

"What with those unknown words ..." (Marcella)

"No, at times like this, Mile ..." (Rena)

Rena can't even remember properly the words to tell.

## **Chapter 127: Current situation**







"What, is this ...?" (Marcella)

Despite saying that, Marcella knew it was some kind of letter.

She received the bamboo stick that seemed like a letter...

And, first of all, turned inside out ... There is no sender's name.

However, Marcella was aware.

The voice that whispered those words from outside the door.

And, somehow she is familiar with these three people.

With her memory she knew that she saw them somewhere before, but from something that wasn't really human.

And she runs the full rotation of [Adel Simulator] ...

"Lower the intelligence to Adel level, subtract common sense and the ability to read the mood, and multiply the ditziness by 5 ... "

When Marcella runs the simulator, Monika and Orianna keep looking at the three girls of Red Oath.

And then.

"There!"(Marcella)

Suddenly, Marcella protruded her right hand to an empty space next to Maevis.

Monika and Orianna are startled because they don't know what's going on.

And the space where there should be nothing distorted, a shadow that's in shape of a person appeared. And Marcella grabbed that person's collar.

"Gya~a!" (Mile)

"Hii~i!" (Monika, Orianna)

Monika and Orianna raise their voice as they are startled.

"I knew you were there!" (Marcella)

"Why, why ...?" (Mile)

Marcella held a proud pose before the completely miserable Mile.

Monika and Orianna's eyes grew large just looking at what happened.

Mile has already cancelled the transformation magic through optical

manipulation.

She then returned to her original face and silver hair.

However right now, she had a face like she witnessed something unbelievable.

In any case, Nano-chan should have blocked everything perfectly, such as sounds, smells, signs and so on.

That's why she thought it was absolutely impossible for her to get caught! When Mile thought so, Marcella calmly replied.

"... Why? isn't it obvious? That's because you are Adel and I am Marcella. Do you really think that I can never find you?" (Marcella)

While Marcella is saying all that, tear started accumulating in the outer corner of her eyes.

And Marcella hugged Mile tightly.

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"Uu..." (Marcella)
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"Adel!" (Monika)

"Adel!" (Orianna)

Following after Marcella, Monica and Orianna also hugged Mile from the left and right, and started crying <u>wailfully</u>.

Looking at that, Maevis feels like crying and somehow Rena is pouting while inflating her cheek.

And even while hugging Mile with overflowing tears, Marcella was still observing Rena's expression from the side.

(... they are our rivals, aren't they) (Marcella)

As for Mile, she just kept crying without noticing anything.

Actually she felt like there was something scary happening. Maybe that was Pauline again.

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<sup>&</sup>quot;... so what is the situation after I ran away ...?" (Mile)

Finally after everyone calmed down, it was time for information exchange.

For the time being, Marcella answered on behalf of the 3 people while Mile kept the soundproofing and vibration blocking barrier.

"We had some connections with the royal palace, and we got quite accurate information. First of all, it's quite hard to say this. Adel, your father passed away. It was the punishment for killing your mother, grandfather and trying to take over the Askham family by driving out the only legitimate successor that was you Adel. Even with just one of those three crimes, it would be enough to sentence him with death. In the end, he was sentenced to death 3 times, that's why his death sentence couldn't be avoided with whatever he had in defense. Well, no one raised a voice to defend him anyway ... And, Adel, even though your father was married into your family, he had no formal inheritance, right? What's more, he had already been executed. Thus Adel officially succeeded the Askham family. And by the order of his majesty the king, until you, the rightful heir comes back and take over the reigns in the Askham territory, a royal magistrate will take care of the administration for the time being" (Marcella)

After hearing all that Mile just nodded.

Because that man is the blood father of Mile, Marcella was somewhat considerate for Mile. She had a pained face while telling Mile news about her father's death, but Mile wasn't concerned at all.

Although it wasn't officially heard, she could still get that result after detailed analysis of Adel's memory before and after awakening. She had judged that probability was quite high.

Adel didn't have a lot of memory or good memory about that man before awakening.

There's no feeling or anything.

No, if there was anything, he is the bad man who killed her gentle mother and grandfather. He and his family also abused Adel before her awakening.

For Mile, that man was just that kind of person.

After all, for Mile, her only real father is the father that taught her about distances and navigation in her previous life.

"... Is that so ... How about the other people and the Askham family?" (Mile)

Marcella continued the explanation, although she was surprised a little by a straight Mile.

"Your step mother also got punished by her sins. Other people who were found guilty of having accepted bribes or did not fulfill their duties accordingly, were also punished" (Marcella)

"Then, my half-sister, what happened to Prissy?" (Mile)

"Oh, that girl. Everything was done by her parents, her behavior was a problem but that's not a sin. His Majesty had pardoned her. However, such a young girl who lost her parents and also lost her identity, you can somehow know how dark her future is. She was considered to be taken to the monastery. But the parents from your father's family want to save her. They can't save their son nor they feel like want to save him. But their granddaughter can still be saved. His Majesty also allowed that. Apparently our country was blessed with a merciful king. Your sister was no longer an aristocrat, and had no right to succeed. She is now just a commoner, I wonder if she can grasp that kind of happiness ..." (Marcella)

"I'm glad..." (Mile)

Although she was bullied in various ways, after all it was just a child's harassment, it wasn't serious enough to be punished.

As Mile knew that she was going to have a proper life without getting serious punishment, Mile reluctantly leaked such words and smiled happily.

(After all, Adel is such a person. That's also why she became our friend!) (Wonder Three)

(Mile didn't hold a grudge against anyone...) (Red Oath)

The old and new friends thought about similar things.

"And then, Adel-san, you are the successor of Askham family. Right now, you are the Askham family head, Adel von Askham. A royal magistrate is taking care of the administration of your territory with the order of His Majesty the King. But you already come back, you can take over the reigns in the Askham territory

if you want. So what are you going to do..." (Marcella)

"Well, the errands in this country are over, so let's move to the next country soon!" (Mile)

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"Oh!" (Rena + Pauline + Maevis)
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"Eh?" (Marcella)

With Adel's sudden words cutting her story short, and as the other girls also moved to stand up, Marcella can't help but be surprised.

"Wha, wait, wait, where are you going! Monika, stand up in front of the door! Orianna, block the window! Hey, don't you run away!" (Marcella)

## **Chapter 128: Total Defeat**

"Hah hah hah hah hah ..." (Red Oath + Wonder Three)

Seven girls whose clothes are in a mess, rolling in the room exhausted.

But it's not an ultimate fight but a cat fight.

"What's with these girls! Why do we lose to such young students!!" (Rena)

Rena complains with other members of Red Oath.

Yes, the fight result was a complete defeat of the "Red Oath"

The place is a room in the girls' dormitory and their opponents are ordinary students not hunters.

Thus, Red Oath can't use any magic with high damage power or crowd control magic.

"Red Oath"who tried to escape by suppressing opponents with only strengthening magics and restraint magics, they couldn't deal with restraint magics and water magics with non-chant. Red Oath were easily seized because of it.

"Why, why ...?" (Mile)

Even Red Oath had limited their power but to think they were easily held down by restraint magic like this. Marcella answered with a proud face to the miserable Mile

"Adel-san, did you really think we were playing for over a year since you were gone?" (Marcella)

"Ugu ... Even so, you are improving too much ..." (Mile)

Mile feels like crying.

"Well then, shall we continue with the story?" (Marcella)

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<sup>&</sup>quot;... Then, how about I sell the territory and get cash ..." (Mile)

"You can't do that!" (Marcella)

Mile's proposal was instantly denied by Marcella.

"The territory is a deposit from the King of our Kingdom, you can earn the aristocratic privilege as compensation for keeping it, maintaining it and developing it! You will not be able to sell it without His Majesty's permission!"

Maevis nods to that as well.

"If so, I will return it to His Majesty ... Or, give it to my relatives" (Mile)

"Well, you may do that for a normal case. But this time, your family had a lot of scandal and trouble. By the order of His Majesty, a royal magistrate have taken care of the administration for the time being. Until you, the rightful heir comes back and take over the reigns in the Askham territory That means, no-one but you, Adel, can take over Askham territory" (Marcella)

"Huh?" (Mile)

Mile's proposal was once again denied by Marcella.

"Adel-san, His Majesty is unwilling to let anyone but you to take over the family. Your uncle (grandfather's sister's son) also would like to have Askham's territory. But even if he had the inheritance rights of the Viscount Askham's territory, His Majesty still reject him. No matter how many times he tried to explain that he is also a legitimate successor, His Majesty still denied it. I think His Majesty did that to avoid him planning any harm to Adel-san with the succession problem ... His Majesty King seems to have set Adel as the owner of the Askham territory, in the state ..." (Marcella) (T.N: that "set" is Katakana that mean like say Set in English for the puns next)

"....." (Mile)

Mile who should feel dreadful. Suddenly thinks of a salad oil set.

"Ho... how ..." (Red Oath)

Red Oath is somewhat feeling impatient about Mile.

"Nyaa" (Cat)

At that time, a black cat came into the room through the window.

"Ah, Key Tail!" (Mile) (T.N: name of that cat かぎしっぽ)

The cat hasn't met Mile for a long time, he is the so called "Insect repellent-sama"

The cat rubs its back on Mile and Mile is smiling happy.

"... Did he come because he smell food or something?" (Maevis)

"No, isn't just his back is itchy? " (Pauline)

"Is he trying to say that he is Mile's servant? Is not it an appeal to his owner?" (Rena)

"Please be quiet!" (Mile) (T.N: Urusai Desu)

It must be the first time, Mile raises her voice to Maevis, Pauline, Rena ...

After that, instead of persuasion Marcella overlooks Mile.

"Well, it's still too early to be locked up by engagement or marriage ... You are still 12 years old ... ... Please enjoy liberty for a while now" (Marcella)

Even Marcella so said, Mile had an early birthday, so she was 13 years old already.

"Ma, Marcella-san ..." (Mile)

Mile feels like crying, talking to Marcella

"You still have a little time, lets talk a little more"

"Wa~iii!" (Mile) (T.N: crying SFX)

And then Mile, No... Adel and Marcella keep talking with each other about when Adel left the school.

The Rena trio kept silent and watched on.

Because they can talk to Mile anytime later, they didn't intend to interfere with this little time for the Marcella trio.

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"Isn't it enough?" (Rena)

Rena finally raises her voice in the state of the four girls who will keep talking

until dawn if no-one stops them.

It's not good if it's too late.

Students aren't allowed to enter or leave school in the evening.

For students who want to leave at midnight or on weekday mornings, they will need a permit from the school to show the gatekeeper.

It's regrettable, but all good things must come to an end.

And Marcella also understands it.

"It can't be helped, but it's not like we can't meet again, I hope we can see you soon, Adel" (Marcella)

"Yes, of course!" (Mile)

Then Mile, Marcella, Monica, and Orianna say their farewell.

"Ah, that's right!"

As Marcella just remembered something, she reminds the Red Oath.

"There's a guard, well, although he can't keep watch in the school. But when someone who isn't student goes out, they may be followed or be checked"

"Huh....." (Red Oath + Mile)

Red Oath are agape.

"Ah, I think that this time is okay. Fortunately, Adel-san wasn't spotted, the two others wore school clothes properly and the last one was probably seen as their older sister. It's still okay because you three looks like 2 students who invited your big sister to the school. However, please be careful when coming next time. Also, I think that all letters and luggage addressed to us, are probably all checked. Previously, I had tried hiring someone to send me a letter that I prepared, when I got back my letter from him, I found that the deviation of the sealed paper, the order of the cards that I arranged were changed a little. Which means someone already opened it"

"....." (Red Oath minus Pauline)

Everyone was stunned by the cautiousness of Marcella.

(This child, she is the same age as Mile ... ... No, Mile is out of the norm. But when it comes to emergency, she is the most reliable ally. How scary, is this the power of the lower aristocracy of the Brandel Kingdom!) (Rena)

(If it was me, I will not notice such things or even think of it ... To think, she is still only 12 years old child...) (Maevis)

Rena and Maevis were surprised by the insight of Marcella, who is still 12 years old.

Only Pauline had a face like she thought it was just Average (quite easy) ... (T.N: I try the joke, is average okay there? or I must use quite easy)

However, Red Oath were not all aware.

Even Marcella, who always takes the initiative as a leader of "Wonder Three"all the time.

But among the three of them, the one who really plans out most everything isn't Marcella, it's unobtrusive Orianna.

And about that, most of the time, Orianna didn't speak but went into listener mode to remember and analyze all the information.

She always tells Marcella everything important. This allows her to have the most optimal solutions, and makes sure everyone thinks that Marcella did so by herself.

Orianna was a poor commoner who entered a noble school with a scholarship, so her path into the school wasn't based on general admission but rather a super difficult one.

Actually, she was the brain (strategist ) of "Wonder Three"

**Chapter 129: Night battle** 



Then "Red oath"left the school.

They walked normally, and came out from the front gate in a dignified manner.

Of course, Mile stealthily masked herself with optical camouflage that made her invisible to the naked eye.

When Maevis lightly lowered her head to the gatekeeper, the gatekeeper happily smiled back.

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"Well, let's get changed somewhere around here, let's take the left alley" (Mile)

As she said that, Mile still remained invisible with optical camouflage, and the girls went through a back street.

Everyone silently went the back alley with Mile. Well, unlike a hunter's or normal person's clothes, they couldn't change the school uniform in public.

After changing clothes, they will leave the Kingdom even when it's quite late already.

The City Guards will not suspect anything if merchants or hunters go out of the city at night.

But if some girls wearing Ekland School's school uniform try to go out, the Guards will absolutely stop them and try to confirm their identity.

Besides, even if they let a girl wearing school uniforms pass through, with a big chested girl wearing exercise clothes that don't necessarily fit, they will become the center of attention.

"I'm already tired of wearing these clothes, help me please!" (Pauline)

When going to the school, and after coming out, with Pauline herself being the center of many passersby's gazing, cried out for help.

No, even inside the school, She gathered a lot of students' eyes and the security guards' notice ...

And, as usual, Maevis-san had not suffered that kind of damage, was looking away. (T.N: Jelly?)

"Then, we should turn around here, ... Ah" (Mile)

"Ah....." (Red Oath)

Five (wild) thugs appeared. They are all using cheap swords.

The girls tried to turn back.

However, they got surrounded.

"Oh, Students of Ekland School!

You come to the back alley, at a time like this without any guardian

Are you trying to invite us!?" (Thug leader)

"That's why I don't want to wear this!" (Pauline)

Pauline raises her angry voice towards an empty space that there should be nothing.

"Here you go" (Mile)

Mile that was still invisible takes out the staves and sword from the storage and give them to Pauline, Rena and Maevis.

These staves aren't magical girl's staff, but a striking weapon, so it doesn't affect magic attacks.

But Mile thought that Pauline and Rena would need these staves now.

And the thugs were surprised to see the weapons that came out of nowhere.

"That was storage magic, catch them, you can sell them with a good price!" (Thug leader)

Storage magic is a high level magic which can only be used by a small number of magicians

Even so, it didn't mean that those magicians would be good at attack magic as well.

And from both Pauline's age and appearance which seemed to make her look like a weak young girl, the thugs concluded that Pauline is a weakling.

Why did they attack the girls with such a shallow attitude?

It's simply because"they are thugs, they choose targets based on appearance"

The ones left are only a young child and a female swordsman.

Five thugs can win them easily.

Thinking so, the thugs point their sword toward the girls.

Of course, the thugs don't plan to kill the prey. If the girls were killed, they can't sell the girls for money and they can't enjoy it, so it is natural.

And one thug approached Pauline with a sword in hand.

He planned to use his sword to threaten in case Pauline tries to attack using the staff.

And at this short distance, the girl will not have enough time to chant magic.

"Water jet spray!" (Pauline)

Doshi ~yu! (SFX)

"Gya a~a!" (Thug A)

With Pauline's chantless magic, a thin and strong water current strikes the thug's eyes.

And that thug rolls on the floor screaming and hold his eyes with both hands.

"My eyes, my eyes! Aahhh" (Thug A)

The thug still hadn't dropped the sword yet, but it was easy to defeat a man who held his eyes with both hands. It's also equivalent to child's play.

Pauline struck that thug's hands with her staff and knocked down the sword.

And then, Pauline keeps attacking.

Go~ go~ go~ go~ go~ go~ go~ go~! (SFX)

Rena is looking at Pauline's continuous strikes by staff.

Unlike Mile. Although the water current was quite strong, it didn't mean that they become blind or losing their sight.

It's just a (crowd control) primary attack.

And after that iss Pauline's real attack. She seriously vented her anger by repeatedly striking the thug.

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Go~ go~ go~ go~ go~ go~ go~ go~! (SFX)
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"No, it hurts, stop, stop it ... !!" (thug A)

Four other thugs are surprised with their comrade defeated by the support magician. But they still quickly tried to attack in order to go to help him.

However.

"Isicle Javelin!" (Rena)

4 Ice spears appeared, and hit 2 two thugs on their belly.

"Damn it, another non-chant magician!" (thug D + E)

The last 2 thugs that didn't recieve Rena's attacks cried out loud and stopped their feet.

The two who received the ice spear on their belly, couldn't even say a word.

Of course, Rena made them with rounded tip, to avoid killing the thugs.

That's why those ice spears magic were just as if they received two intense body blows.

Neither Pauline nor Rena chanted to cast their spells.

Non-chant magic, which was told to be a really difficult skill which also lowers the magic power. There aren't many magicians who can actually use chantless magic.

"Is it my turn at the end?" (Maevis)

Maevis called out to the two thugs who remained. While swinging her sword really fast.

At the same time, the two thugs turned backwards and tried to escape.

However, the space in front of them become blurred, and the figure appeared.

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"... you will not escape" (Maevis)
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"Aaaaaaa ~ !!" (Thug D + E)

"I wonder if that was all of them" (Mile)

"Well, it looks like that was all ..." (Pauline)

Rena and Pauline confirm things after the fight.

Mile had confiscated weapons such as swords and knives, as for now she put all of these in her storage.

"Because they aren't hunters, we shouldn't bother with the guild.

And I doubt they are bandits with criminal history, even if we hand them over to the guild, we won't get reward from selling criminal slavery ...

At best, they will get a lot of punishment.

Also even after doing all of those troublesome things, we will not have any benefits at all. And this time, we still need to get away as soon as possible without getting too much attention.

So, this is enough. Even it's just some cheap swords. Losing these will make it harder for them to continue their work. We will just tie them here" (Rena)

Three girls nod to Rena.

"Well then, I'll do it, Darkness Curtain!" (Mile)

After taking out clothes from storage, Mile cast magic which covered an area a few meters in radius.

Rena and Pauline rushed in and began changing clothes.

Because Mile and Maevis didn't change to school uniform, they don't need to change back, only the other two are changing clothes.

The girls pass the city gate without any trouble.

It's not unusual for hunters to leave in the hurry at night.

As of now, there is no evidence that Mile's, No..., Adel' s existence has been revealed, but better be safe than sorry.

And "Red oath" decided to go away from the kingdom quickly.

"And there she goes" (Marcella)

"Adel-san has gone away ..." (Monika)

After Mile was gone, Marcella somewhat got discouraged for a while.

And now, she finally returned back to her senses.

"Well, It's still good. At least we know she is safe.

And it seems she is really happy while traveling as a hunter" (Marcella)

Despite saying that, Marcella's facial expression isn't really happy.

"... is nice, isn't it ...? " (Orianna)

Because both Monika and Marcella didn't pay attention, they didn't hear everything clearly.

"Together with Adel-san on an adventure trip, forever? ..." (Orianna)

"... ... " (Marcella + Monika)

Marcella and Monika stand quietly before Orianna who usually doesn't speak.

"Marcella-san, Monika-san, I thought about it for a moment ..." (Orianna)

And Orianna keeps speaking.

"In a few more months, we will graduate.

Marcella-san is going back to her territory to prepare for her marriage.

Monika-san is also preparing to get married while helping with her family business.

And I'm preparing for my scholarship repayment exemption, I may work somewhere in our country's facilities.

Then, if the next time Adel-san return is after our graduation, we may never meet again.

As Adel is searching for us and visiting us, the risk of being found by His Majesty, the King is too big ..." (Orianna)

"Eh..." (Marcella + Monika)

The girls just realized it from what Orianna said.

"So, I thought. Right now Marcella-san and Monika-san have a lot more value than just being a daughter of an ordinary aristocrat and merchant. So it seems that there will be no problem if you marry at an older age, right? For example, after five or ten years. Even after becoming 18 years old or 23 years old, you still don't have any trouble with marriage, right?" (Orianna)

Where will Orianna's story go?

The other two's eyes began to shine.

As Adel was gone, Marcella was somewhat depressed and didn't want to think about anything, but right now, her brain began working again.

"How about asking the Princess to hire us after graduation?

Asking the princess to make an Adel Von Askham Search Party, and work directly under the princess.

Because that is considered national work, I will be subject to my scholarship repayment exemption.

Marcella-san won't be ashamed being an aristocrat working in the background.

As a merchant, Monika-san's parent can't complain to her about working for the country and the royal family.

Not only that, we also get budget and it's dignified ..." (Orianna)

"I'm in!" (Marcella)

"Ge...genius!" (Monika)

"Aha..." (Orianna)

"Ufu fu..." (Maecella)

"Ahahahahahaha!" (Wonder three)

If they want, they can always find her easily.

Because there is "Super Adel Simulator"here.

And, when we meet, we will send a proper report from time to time to the Princess.

"Searching for Adel von Askham is ongoing.

And we travel with a girl named Mile, just a hunter (T.N: Not Goddess Adel) "
It might only be a short time, a decade of life.

But it surely will become a wonderful and fun adventure.

When thinking like that, the girls can't help but smile ...



# Chapter 130: In the world, money is not everything! Well, only about 99 percent?

A few days later, "Red oath" arrived at a certain city

They haven't gone outside the Brandel Kingdom yet, but Mile hasn't been spotted yet, so they didn't have to worry. Besides, if all they do is run away, everyone will not be able to enjoy a fun journey in this country.

"Shall we stay in this town for a few days?

We have been only walking. If we don't work a little bit, we will pass through this country without doing any request here at all.

As we are having a journey around the countries, I also want to work in this country as well.

However, Mile, if you worry in this country then we will head to the border" (Rena)

The three girls reflect themselves on Rena's words, Red Oath really haven't received a request for a while.

Then everyone headed straight to the guild and watching the request board...

"Spices?" (Mile)

As the girls hear Mile's voice, they are looking at the quest that Mile is looking at.

"Need spice.

The request fee depends on the type and amount of spices you can find.

More details at the meeting" (Notice)

"... Let's say we accept it, how do you plan to get spices?

This is the first you go to this city, right? You don't have any connection or you know the market price of spice in this area ...

Beside, you're not even that good at cooking, aren't you?" (Rena)

Even Rena said so, but Mile just smiled as she replied.

"It's okay, they only need at little in stock.

Besides, if they want to purchase spices, they usually ask the commercial guild to get it. But right now, this client asked the hunter guild to get it ... " (Mile)

"That's true, is there a reason for that?" (Maevis)

Maevis also agreed with Mile.

"Beside, there isn't any other interesting requests, not even just a goblin hunting request.

And do something different occasionally, it may be a good experience for us as well, is that okay, everyone?" (Mile)

Maevis and Pauline nodded to Mile.

"Well, then. The first request in this town will be this!" (Rena)

When Rena said that and tried to strip off the request form from the request board, but Pauline hurriedly stopped her.

"This kind request, the client may order many kind of spice. So don't peel it off!

We also need to confirm the conditions at the meeting place before accepting the request" (Pauline)

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"Ah....." (Rena)
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And the "Red Oath"tell the receptionist that they will go to the meeting place with this request and leave the guild.

"... I think it's this place" (Rena)

Rena stops in front of a certain dining hall and says that as she looking up at the signboard.

"Well, for now let's go in!" (Rena)

Then Rena opened the door where "Temporary Close"tag was hung and three girls entered the shop following after her.

[ Oh, this is a very ordinary, no, this place seems a bit more expensive than normal place. And this shop names[Kalamity]? ] (Mile's inner thought)

(So[Kalamity]'s owner wants us to... look for (Karamitei)... spice)?

A Calamity... NOT

Isn't calamity, disaster, plague are god punish in English! This is bad luck ...)

So Mile mutters, but people here don't know English. It is just a coincidence.

"Excuse me, We've received the request at the hunter guild ..." (Maevis)

This time negotiation is Maevis's role. Because she is the oldest and the most sincere ... No, she is the party leader.

The leader of this party is Maevis. Red Oath just occasionally forget about it.

"Oh, will you accept that request?

I often got spices from other city. Still, the next arrival schedule got delayed, so I were in trouble!

... And about where to find it, it isn't easy to collect it around that, even if you go to a store or a commercial guild, you still can't get it.

Well, if I can get it so easily, I will not hate to ask through the hunter guild which is more expensive" (Shop Owner)

The 40-year-old shop owner who came out from the kitchen in the back, told Maevis so with a half pleasure, half anxious expression.

According to the store owner's explanation, this shop uses luxurious expensive spices... however it's quite strange from Mile's previous life's sense...

Although the price is quite high, as a high-class restaurant, this shop still has considerable profit.

And while the business was still doing well, this shop got a trouble in the last few days. The spice, which is the sale of this store, which transport from a distant city, has been robbed by some bandits in the highway.

Fortunately, because the merchant got robbed in the highway, this owner still didn't pay the money yet. He had ordered new spices immediately, but it still take a lot of time because the producer is from a city really far away.

And now, there's no spice in the high-class restaurant, he can't run the shop.

That's why he decided to scrape up in the near place.

"I had negotiated with all aristocrats and merchants that have expensive spices with higher price. And thus the price in our shop became more expensive in the past few days.

As for customers, this is the "Shop that use luxury ingredient to make meal", so it isn't surprising that they are expensive. People only occasionally eat in our restaurant a few times a year away.

Now that I have already raked up from nearby place, and the spices still don't arrive yet. "

It was quite a request with high hurdles.

And everyone thinks that it's a big problem for ordinary hunters, even "Red oath" three girls also think like that.

Yes, it is "three girls" and it was "for ordinary hunters"

"Because this request is quite special, I think we must have some request condition for it..." (Pauline)

Pauline is taking the initiative to make a deal with shopkeeper.

As a result, it's difficult to decide the request fee until the shopkeeper know the type, quality, quantity, etc. of the spice. So Red Oath and the shopkeeper agreed with the purchase method rather than the request fee method.

However there's a limit of purchase. No matter how much the shop owner wants spices, he still can't buy too much expensive spice which is about 1.5 times the normal price. It will affect the store's profit in the long run.

And as a result of the negotiations, it is treated as a difficult request, and even if the "Red Oath"fails this request, there's no loss for the store, this request is also simultaneously done by other hunters as well.

Even if Red Oath fails, there will be no penalty fee or points.

And in that case, the request will not be treated as failure, but as "request completed with zero achievement"

After leaving the luxury Restaurant"Kalamity"Red Oath returned to the Hunter Guild and reported to the receptionist.

Then the girls are heading to the forest near the city.

"..., Pauline, why did you care about the conditions at the time we failed request so much?

You should know that, we always have a considerable amount of spices in my storage. At worst, we can use it to avoid failure..." (Mile)

"It's insurance, insurance!" (Pauline)

"Huh....." (Mile)

Mile is surprised, to think there was already the concept of "insurance"in this world.

Of course, it was not the same thing like in modern Earth, but a role of mutual society.

Pauline said that word, and that's why they don't have to worry about failure this time. Meanwhile Mile is in her own world again.

Chapter 131: The one who avoids hell and the one who plunges into it.



"Well, isn't it about time you tell us everything" (Rena) "Eh?" (Mile)

Upon arriving at the forest, Rena lightly presses her hand on Mile's shoulder and starts asking.

"Even if you hand over all the spices we have that you put in the storage, we still can't complete this request.

So what are you planning? Can you find a colony of spice plants with detection magic? Or are you going to attack the bandits and take back the spices?" (Rena)

Maevis and Pauline also kept watching over what Mile would choose.

"I will not do either of them! In the first place, there is no such colony in this area, and I don't know where the bandits hide!" (Mile)

... It was the truth.

"What..." (Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

And the three girls got discouraged.

It seem they had been deluded by Mile's capability.

"That's why I will make spices" (Mile)

"E e e e e ~!" (Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

However, it seemed that getting deluded was still insufficient (below average).

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"Well, Pauline-san please give me[Ultra Hot · Water ball]in this pot. And only create a medium size one so that

it will not overflow, and be careful ..." (Mile)

That being said, Pauline carefully cast a magic towards the big pot that Mile had taken out from the storage.

"[Water ball · Ultra Hot]" (Pauline)

Tapun (SFX)

Red liquid filled the large pot. And Mile smelled the scent from the red liquid.

"Let's see, how to separate this ..." (Mile)

Mile was convinced.

From the smell, it seems to be capsaicin mixture.

[Ultra Hot · Water ball] , The liquid which appears by its magic exists as a substance.

That means if I can separate the capsaicin ingredients, I can use it as spices.

I don't know if this substance was produced by molecular transformation, or whether it was brought from somewhere by teleport or something else, but at the moment, I have it so I don't need to think deeply.

Pungent ingredients of spices are chili pepper, capsaicin of habanero chili pepper type, as well as wasabi, mustard and garlic allyl compounds, but allyl compounds tend to be volatile and the usage is limited.

In addition, there are various other spices such as nutmeg, ginger, cinnamon, cumin, coriander, peppermint, cinnamon, sage, thyme, mulla, leurier etc,

But what the shopkeeper seeks is capsaicin based. So as long as it is capsaicin based, anything will be okay.

That's why I asked Pauline to use her[Ultra Hot]magic system.

"Once boiled, unlike allyl compounds, it isn't volatile and it is chemically stable.

But it may take time if I use heat and wait for the water to evaporate ..." (Mile)

And for mass production, we can only make a few cups from one pot, it's inefficient in refining by boiling and evaporation. That's why

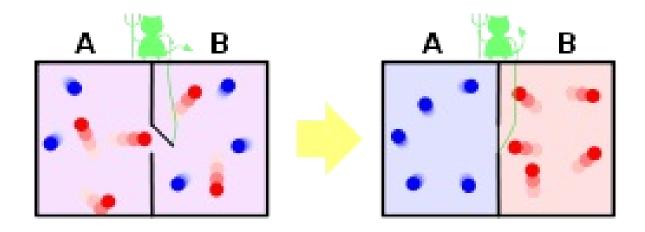
Mile must use her wisdom to find a solution somehow.

And, Mile came up with a brilliant breakthrough idea.

"That's it! It was on the book of modern physics that I read in my former life.

[Devil Love plus]? Oh no, it's different!

Is it [All the results of a love simulation game can be predicted if there is an intelligent entity that knows all of its programs]? No, That isn't it either!



(T.N: I don't understand this philosophy either, forgive me if I'm wrong, you can read it at wikipedia <u>Maxwell Demon</u>)

Ah, that's right, [Divide the coffee into two parts left and right.

Attach a shutter that can be opened and closed and leave that shutter to a versatile devil.

It will close the shutter to avoid a molecule with fast motion speed (red one) goes from right to left or a molecule with slow motion speed (blue one) go from left to right.

And only open shutter when a molecule with fast motion speed (red one) goes from left to right or a molecule with slow motion speed (blue one) go from right to left.

If we can give the devil that instruction, without giving any energy we can divide coffee into hot coffee and cold coffee

A phenomenon that the second law of thermodynamics might hypothetically be violated]

Yes, it was "Demon of Maxwell Coffee" theory ...

Well, actually the entropy seems to increase, but that does not matter!

In any case, this work will be done, not by Maxwell demons but by Nano-chan+ ..." (Mile)

Zawa~ (SFX)

Zawa ... Zawa (SFX)

Mile felt that the air in the vicinity seemed to be rough.

However, Mile didn't care about it and tried to exercise magic.

"Part of the pan was partitioned with a thin film of nanomachines, Distinguish between water molecules and capsaicin molecules and separate them with a shutter ..." (Mile)

Gyaaaaaa! (Nano-chan+)

... I heard something.

"... Stop doing my method and separate capsaicin however nano-chan+ like.

Oh, I don't need moisture, you can throw it away" (Mile)

Shun! (SFX)

At the next moment, the water in the pan disappeared and only a small amount of red powder remained on the bottom of the pot.

(I wonder if nano-chan+ hate it, I mean... that separation method ...) (Mile) Mile tilts her head.

Of course they are. With such method, even nanomachines will raise objection.

By the way, although capsaicin is a white powder crystal, but nanomachines thought that it wouldn't match the pungent ingredients of spices image, and they left red pigment components at their own discretion.

It was a service.

"what are you talking about, from a while ago, I don't understand!

... So, this spices is made with magic, isn't it?" (Rena)

While talking about that, Rena pinched it from the bottom of the pan and tried to lick it.

"Gyaaaaa~~!!" (Rena)

It's pure crystal of capsaicin.

Numerical value representing spicy, Scoville value is about 16 million.

By the way, ordinary Tabasco has a Scoville value of 2,500-5,000, that means

this thing is about 3,200-6,400 times stronger than Tabasco.

It wasn't something people can endure.

Of course, Mile tried to stop in a hurry, but she was one step behind.

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"... ...! ..... !! ......... !!" (Rena)
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Rena is no longer able to make a voice, is on the verge of passing out, rolling on the ground.

Pauline, who was stretching her hand trying to taste the spices herself, turned pale and stopped.

"Rena-san, please open your mouth and stick your tongue out!" (Mile)

Although Rena messed up her face with tears, she devoted all of her energy and followed the Mile's instruction and stick out her tongue.

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"Ice · Water!" (Mile) (T.N in English)
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Mile casts a stream of cold water on Rena's tongue.

Capsaicin stimulates the part that senses the temperature of the tongue and pain nerve, so for the time being, cooling it down with cold water will slow down the sensation and rinse the spices with a strong water current.

And then.

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"Heating!" (Mile)
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Capsaicin is less soluble in water, b

ut it's easy to dissolve in oil. Mile warms the cooking oil taken from item box and wash Rena's tongue.

And finally.

"Please lick and sip this slowly while trying to wash your tongue!" (Mile)

That said, Mile handed out hot milk that she had warmed from the item box to Rena.

And with Mile's treatment, somehow Rena has passed the worst condition but she still suffers. But she never goes to complain with Mile and continues to endure the suffering alone.

And as Mile watching that scene, she remembered about a CERTAIN BOY DETECTIVE manga.

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licking (SFX)
"Ugu~, this is a hydrogen cyanide!"
Batari (SFX)
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#### **Chapter 132: Musou Alchemy!**

"This... this is[pure chili], right!?" (Pauline)

Pauline is staring at the powder crystals of capsicum with eyes like a nuclear physicist staring at a pure hydrogen bomb.

"Yes, well, we extracted only the pungent ingredients of capsicum, so we can call it like that" (Mile)

Pauline heard Mile's reply and had an ecstatic expression.

"This is a pure spice produced by my magic ...

Expensive spices, and we can create as much as we want as long as we have magical power ... It is equal to creating money, which only God is capable of doing!

This is alchemy, and it's musou! Musou alchemy!!" (Pauline) (T.N: Musou mean unparalleled, exceptional, peerless, ...)

It's a spice, just like pepper, which is worth as much as gold of the same weight.

It can't be helped that Pauline became obsessed about it.

(Ah, this is bad .....) (Mile)

Mile worried with Pauline's condition.

(I have to stop Pauline before she falls into the dark side!

) (Mile)

"Pauline-san, you can't do that!

If you sell it as a main product, or planning to, the spice industries will get into serious trouble!

And it's not only related to merchants, but also transactions between countries, and so on ...

And we will soon be found out because there are no signs of purchase from anywhere, evidence of transportation, evidence of bringing in and evidence of

paying taxes.

In that case, aristocrats, officials, merchants and criminals throughout the country will target us seeking informations, interests and tax revenues ..." (Mile)

"Uu..." (Pauline)

Pauline is also the daughter of a merchant. She can understand what Mile said.

If we don't speak about magic creation, we may be caught, abducted, or punished for tax evasion.

If we talk, we may be killed to monopolize, or information will spread quickly, the price will collapse.

It also gives a deadly blow to the production area of chili peppers, dealers, and they can't make a profit.

And even more problematic was the spreading of the [Ultra Hot] series of magic.

The magic of [Ultra Hot] is currently limited to [Red Oath].

There are dozens of people saw it, but most of them have magicians in party, and magicians can't understand the principle simply by just looking at magics used by

Pauline.

Besides if they are good enough to become magician, they will not become bandits or criminal.

Because magicians can earn more than bandits.

Also, most of those who fought the [Red Oath] are captured and some already became criminal slaves.

It will be worse if criminal magicians can learn[Ultra Hot Magic]. Unlike normal attack magic, it was a good crowd control magic that is capable of disabling vanguards.

... The power balance between criminal magicians and hunters may be

broken, and it will be the beginning of the criminal magician's musou.

Those things crossed over her mind for a moment and Pauline becomes pale.

"Well, then, doesn't it mean that you are doing a bad thing right now?" (Maevis)

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"Uu~!" (Mile)
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Being pointed out by Maevis, Mile became quiet

"... Uhm..., about this..., ah... we are doing that!" (Mile)

""That?"" (Rena + Maevis)

Mile declared to Maevis and Rena.

"[This is this, that is that!], [keep everything in your heart!]" (Mile)

""" ............""" (Rena + Maevis + Pauline)

And eventually mass production of the artificial spices began.

Pauline uses [Ultra Hot Magic], Mile uses refinery magic, puts them in a container and they are placed into the item box.

The girls repeat it endlessly.

Anyway, the girls will not go back to the city anytime soon.

Because it is too unnatural.

Therefore, the girls decided to produce a lot for the future as well.

If Mile puts it in the item box, it will not deteriorate and it can also be used as a weapon.

And almost everything was stored in Mile's item box, Rena and Maevis put their portion in bamboo tubes, wrapped the bamboo tube in grass leaves, and make it like a hand-throwing grenade. The girls also made various other types of weapons.

These weapons deprive the opponent of fighting power without injuring.

It was a really "humanitarian" weapon.

However, Rena who silently makes hand-throwing grenade, has a wicked

smile for some reason.

Maybe, she plans on doing that.

She can not accept that she is the only victim. She wants to involve others.

While refining, Mile is looking at Rena's smile at the side, She is desperately thinking about how to counteract when Rena throws that suddenly.

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*** Evening ***
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[Red Oath] returned to the city and stayed at the inn.

Actually the girls were planning to camp in the forest for about three days and kill some times with hunting and taking medicinal herbs, *etc.* But then that store will not be able to open in the meantime.

Besides, since the girls will give out something outside the standard (above average), there is no big difference whether they take one day or three days. And people d

idn't care that much anyway.

Besides, it won't be good if the girls breath in too much of the spice particles. They may become addicted because they breathed in too much, just like curry spice or black curry. (T.N: I don't know if it true, just translate literal meaning)

However, in order to make it looked like they took some time to do this quest, Mile told everyone to take a break today, the girls didn't go to the cafeteria [Kalamity]but went back to the inn and rested.

We will be there tomorrow. How do I say

it in Spanish, hasta mañana. But read in Japanese will be "Ashita-ma-niau nya" (I will make it in time tomorow)

- ... Which is how a cat girl would say!
- \*\*\* Tomorow [Kalamity]cafeteria \*\*\*
- "And we had gathered it" (Mile)
- "... I don't know what do you find, but can you show it to me anyway?" (Shopkeeper)

Because the return of the [Red Oath] is too early, the shopkeeper thought the girls can only gather a small amount of spices, enough for the actual achievement of request success. And i

n fact, The girls didn't bring anything.

That means the amount is small enough to fit in their pocket.

"Here you are" (Mile)

Don\* (SFX)

It suddenly appeared, a wooden basin placed on the table. A nd it was filled with red powder.

"No, no, no, no ....." (Mile)

Mile hurriedly grabbed the shopkeeper's right wrist who picked up the powder reflexively.

"... Tch!" (Rena)

Rena who failed to make comrades in pain glanced at Mile.

"Rena-san, you face is scary ..." (Mile)

Mile persuades the shopkeeper that trying to sample directly,

and

puts a little of it in the soup in a small pan for him...

"Bu~fy~a!" (Shopkeeper)

He blew up.

"Wa...ter...plz..." (Shopkeeper)

"Here you are!" (Mile)

Mile already prepared a cup of cold water in the item box beforehand.

Unlike Rena, it is diluted many times, even so it would still be very spicy.

They already dealt with merchant once in the past, that's why the remainder of spices was stored in the item box, and only brought out 1 basin for the client.

After a while, the owner finally recovered, of course, asked for the source of it.

"Where did you get it? No, actually, what is this?"

(Shopkeeper)

"Oh, yes, this is a condensed of the hot ingredients of capsicumes, which the provider allowed us to sell with the promise that we will keep his name absolutely secret ..."

(Mile)

"....." (Shopkeeper)

The shopkeeper stared at the contents of the wooden bucket with a scary serious eye.

"So, how much can you buy it?" (Pauline)

Pauline asked him the most important question.

The price of pepper when high is 5 silver coins per gram.

It is almost the same as the price of gold. Even w

hen the Pepper's price drops, it's still about 1 silver coins per gram.

Certainly it's expensive, but we only need to use 1 gram per dish, it's equivalent to 1 silver coin or 1000 Japanese yen.

Even if the chef buys it at 1.5 times price, the chef only has to increase the price of cooking meals by an additional 5 small silver coins, so there is no problem.

This Basin is about 5 kilograms

... In the market, it can be sold about 50 gold coins or about 5 million Japanese Yen. And when

sold at

1.5 times of that price, we can get 75 gold coins.

And not to mention this spices is about 5000 times that of capsicum.

Well, we can't demand 5000 times of that money, but how much will the

shopkeeper pay for it?

As everyone stared at the store owner, he was thinking about licking his fingertips a little on the soup earlier.

And finally, he made the conclusion.

"In all, it is 10 gold coins" (Shopkeeper)

((((Ah, I knew it...)))) (Red Oath)

The four girls somehow have a feeling it will turn out that way.

Chapter 133: Just as we thought...



"I, for one, know the market price of pepper, what is the basis for that price?" (Pauline)

Although shopkeeper seemed to be a little stunned by Pauline's emotionless expression, he judged she was just a little girl and immediately replied.

"There is no original form of chili peppers and it is already crushed to powder so it becomes worthless.

Besides, it's just too painful, it has no taste or flavor as a pepper.

As a price of bad products, its price must below original. In fact, my price is already higher than its value.

Well, I bothered you with this request, so I thought that I would like to add a little bonus for you.

Hahaha!"(Shopkeeper)

Pauline staring at the laughing shopkeeper with cold eyes.

"What about the value point of the pungent taste is strong and the amount used is small?"(Pauline)

"Oh, is that such an error, isn't it just add a little bit varieties?" (Shopkeeper)

"How much are you going to purchase?"(Pauline)

"You guys, you aren't supposed to have so much money buying them, you probably stole it somewhere or bought it cheaply, right?

Do not complain, give it to me quickly, and let me know the purchase route!" (Shopkeeper)

"Mile, take it back!"(Rena)

"Yes!"(Mile)

"Huh?"(Shopkeeper)

Rena ordered Mile to take it back and Mile quickly stored the wooden basin filled with spices.

And shopkeeper agape with wooden basin which disappeared instantly.

"Okay then, there is no achievement this time" (Rena)

With the [Red oath] say so, the shopkeeper protests in panic.

"Wait! Wait, that's what I asked for ..." (Shopkeeper)

"... we can't reach agreement with such a price, and our contract is over without a penalty for each other.

Originally such a contract should have been submitted through the guild" (Pauline)

"Uu..."(Shopkeeper)

A shop owner was refuted by Pauline and panicked.

"No, no, I only have ten gold coins in my hand now! I never thought that it would be possible to get such a large mass.

I can't have such a large sum of money in the shop all the time. If I do such a thing, I will be attacked by thieves. I have to store it in the commercial guild and it will take a while to take it/money out!

So please come back in the evening. I will prepare the money!"(Shopkeeper)

Complicated stuff.

While thinking so, the [Red oath]acknowledged it and withdrew.

"... What do you think?"(Mile)

"It's useless, after all he didn't look like he would be willing to pay much more..

At most, he will raise the price a little and also will try to get the information about source of spices" (Pauline)

Pauline answers Mile's question while shruging her shoulders.

"He paid attention to the taste and flavor really like a cook... but, oh well.

Although I was willing to sell cheaper than the market price if he didn't forcibly ask about the source and fixed that attitude of his.

Our spcies's intensity is certainly amazing, but its flavor, fragrance, usability and so on are limited"(Mile)

"Well, humans will get greedy in front of big money" (Pauline)

Rena's eyes opened wide while glancing at Pauline who said so to Mile.

"Although I am going to wait till evening, but I feel like we are going to waste our time"(Pauline)

That said Pauline made a tired face.

"Then, in order to make effective use of time, shall we go for hunting somewhere until evening?" (Maevis)

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"""Oh!"""(Mile + Rena + Pauline)
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Everyone agreed to Maevis' suggestion.

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*** Evening ***
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The [Red oath] came to the luxury cafeteria [Kalamity]again, the shopkeeper was sitting at the table seat in the shop waiting in.

"Then, let's continue the negotiations from the morning.

After all, I have not heard the new price yet.

But this time, would you please give out your best offer at the begining?" (Pauline)

Pauline's voice was cold. She didn't think that this shopkeeper is a [good counterparty]anymore.

"Before that, bring out the spices out. It's a lot of money, I don't after you take money to tell me something like[I have sold to another shop]" (Shopkeeper)

Pauline nodded, Mile brought out a wooden tub filled with spices from the item box and put it on the table.

After the shop owner saw it, he smiled and told the girls.

"Well, you must tell me the origin and the purchase route of this.

I'll pay 11 gold coins for this together with that information" (Shopkeeper)

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""""Haaaaaa ...""""(Red Oath)
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The four girl raise their voice because of their deep feelings.

Again, it was a waste of time.

When [Red oath]tried to withdraw, the shopkeeper signaled with his hands with pan pan (SFX)

And then, the inner door of shop opened, from there 5 hunter-like men from

around 30 to 40 years old appeared.

The men got in a position with 2 people to close off the entrance and the three people protecting shopkeeper.

"I thought about finishing it peacefully, but it would be no use with that kind of attitude.

Catch 'em all! "(Shopkeeper)

""""Haaaaaa ... ...""""(Red Oath)

"No, even if you are our client, the girls didn't do any harm to you. You want us to catch them just because the deal ends up with faliure? If we do such a thing, we will become criminals ..."(Hunter Leader)

Apparently these men seem to be hired through the guild. They must have been ordinary hunters.

"These girls are the thieves who attacked the wagon!

The thing here are the spices that has been robbed.

Because they brought it here to sell it to me, the buyer, I attempted to buy spices back for 11 gold coins.

But it failed so I decided to capture and hand them over to the guards.

Okay, catch 'em all!"(Shop keeper)

Even if the shopkeeper says so, it was just one-sided accusation, if it turns out to be a mistake, it will be serious.

Especially when the said persons are a group of young girls.

It would be a disgrace and they may lose their hunter qualification.

That's why they couldn't afford to be hasty.

"We were hired as the guards, there is no reason to seize the young girls who don't appear to hurt you, even if they are thieves.

Well, even if they are really bandits, we may get the reward fee but unless they are wanted we will not do anything.

Or we may lose our fame as the [good hunter]...

So, is there any evidence?"(Hunter Leader)

After the shopkeeper heard so, he pointed at a wooden basin placed on the table.

"This is it! they are the spices I ordered from a remote country that were robbed by the bandits!"(Shopkeeper)

The hunter leader heard so, looked toward Mile's group.

"About what he said, is that true?"(Hunter Leader)

Bun Bun Bun! (SFX)

The 4 girls shaking their heads together.

"In the first place, they are special spices that we got, I don't think they will be available elsewhere.

Please check with the shops where he ordered.

It may take time to check with the supplier, but if you inquire a neighboring shop or a commercial guild, they will tell you whether there are such shops, whether such product have been on the market or not.

I think that you can tell immediately whether it was used at this store ever before though" (Mile)

After they heard Mile's words, the hunters turn their eyes to shopkeeper.

"Then, the supplier of the ingredients is the secret of the shop! How can I speak about it!

What about you guys talking to your suppliers to prove your innocence!" (Shopkeeper)

"Huh? You said that yourself, that supplier is the trade secret, and now you demand us to speak?"(Mile)

Mile replied so with a shocked face. And the hunters are bitter smile.

"What ..."(shopkeeper)

"So, you said that your spices were robbed by bandits.

And yesterday morning, we were told that you had been robbed before you received it, so you have not paid the money for the spices yet.

Well, they aren't yours, are they? What is the right you to claim them on?" (Mile)

Hunters looked at the shopkeeper who had the mouth opened wide amazed by Mile's words.

"Besides, have you really ordered so much in the first place? Have you really ordered spices with the quantities like in this wooden container?" (Mile)

"Yes, I have ordered 5 kilograms, exactly that match as you have here!" (Shopkeeper)

The shopkeeper's reply caused Mile to smirk.

"Well, then that just means they weren't really yours!"(Mile)

After that Mile took out a large amount of spices in various containers one after the other from the item box and arranged on the table. A large amount of spices in various containers.

"""""Eeeeeeeeeeeh!""""(Hunters + Shopkeeper)

Not only the shop owner but also the hunters gave a surprised scream.

""""This is storage magic!""""(5 Hunters)

"It has proved that these spices have not been taken from said cart, right?" (Mile)

The hunters nodded with cold sweat thankful that they avoided a big mistake.

## **Chapter 134: Listening**



"Uhm, from what you mentioned earlier.

You guys are hunters from the guild, who received the (protecting) guard request from the shopkeeper, right?"(Mile)

"Yes, that's right. We saw a request posted late in the morning, it was a short term request for escort during business negotiations. The request said:

"The counterparty is a group of four hunters.

In case, the negotiation ends of failure, they might get violent. The client wish to hire some hunters as guard escorts to protect him and to intimidate the perpetrators.

The hunter group is just 4 brand new hunter girls that the client has never met before and only talked to them yesterday."

And as soon as I read it, we agreed to take that request.

We thought we would earn enough to have meal and drink" (Hunter Leader)

A male hunter who seemed to be the leader of this group, answered Mile while scratching his head.

"Well, but right now, you already understand the situation, right?

This person tried to take away spices from us, made a false accusation to obtain the trade route from us, and also tried to make you do the criminal act.

With this quantity of spices, it's in contradiction to his previous testimony.

And, if he had really thought that we were bandits, normally, he wouldn't have hired hunters to buy back the goods, but he would have reported to the guards or the guild.

He hired hunters, and made a false testimony, only to make us speak where we had gotten these spices.

You can testify to the Hunter Guild and the guards about all of these, right?" (Mile)

"Yes, of course. Otherwise, it will be troublesome for us to get request failure or crime conduct repercussions.

On the contrary, we have a favor that we want to ask you for.

I would like you to testify that we weren't at fault or didn't do any illegal activities. We were just being deceived!"(Hunter Leader)

Mile agreed with it, and the hunters had a relieved face.

"And, about the shopkeeper ..."(Mile)

The shopkeeper became pale.

"You knew that the spices weren't stolen ones but still tried to frame us to rob them.

Even though you weren't the owner of the stolen spices in the first place.

And, you also tried deceiving the escort hunters by the request via the guild and made them commit transgression.

Is there anything you would like to say before we hand you over to the guards via the guild?" (Mile)

When Mile turned the table, the shopkeeper became desperate.

"Eh, I don't think that it was anything bad! It's just a little ..." (Shopkeeper)

"Oh, so you don't feel bad?

You didn't think that you did any bad things at all?

Or for you, such an act is just normal (average) so you don't need to worry about your conscience?"(Mile)

Not only Rena and other girls but also the hunters stared at shopkeeper as if they looked at garbage.

"... No, no, that's not what I mean ... this is ..."(Shopkeeper)

"Because you thought that "there is nothing wrong", you were allowed to commit crimes that harm other people?

With this, if things went south, you would cause a lot of violence ..."(Mile)

After she said that, Mile turned to the hunter leader and asked.

"In addition, he tried to make hunters fight each other with this request, didn't he?

How would the guild solve this problem?"(Mile)

"... This is a malicious, hostile act towards the guild, that is rarely seen. Not only the guild will reject all of his requests, but will also hand him over to the guards as a criminal.

If things went bad, we might have fought with you, young ladies, and there

would be a few casualties.

This crime will get heavy punished"(Hunter Leader)

Listening to the conversation between Mile and hunter leader, the shopkeeper wasn't only pale but also shivering and trembling. As Mile saw that, she thought that she should have asked one more time.

"So, why have you done this?"(Mile)

As he heard Mile's question, the shopkeeper responded desperately while trembling.

"About this, I have only wanted spices! Not just temporary solution but a long-term one.

If I can continue to buy spices cheaply, I will be able to offer cheap dishes using plenty of cheap spices ...

That spices' quality isn't good, but those spices still have intense pungent taste.

If I can afford them cheaply, I can mix them with ordinary pepper to fix the lack of flavor and scent or try adding other ingredients to adjust them somehow! As long as I can have the spices cheaply on a regular basis, townsfolk who weren't rich enough to buy my dishes until now, would be able to afford to buy my hot dishes at any time ...

You girls are traveling hunters, aren't you?

If this town really had such 4 prominent young hunter girls, I should have known already. And you are going to leave this town soon, aren't you? So, at least the route! I just wanted to know how to get them ..."(Shopkeeper)

The shopkeeper put both hands on the floor, desperately said that.

Mile was a bit troubled.

This shopkeeper was slightly arrogant from the get-go.

But he was a client, so it's normal to think that his position was above Mile's group that were only young girls

And he also thought about food and customers, he seemed to be honest in some way.

If the girls had not received this request.

If they had brought only [average] quantity of [average quality spices], this shopkeeper might have bought it like normal and kept working as usual.

[... Wasn't it because we had brought too many spices that caused him go astray and made his life more complicated.]

When Mile thought so, she felt like she couldn't let it as it was.

"Well, what are you gonna do if we fought back the hunters?" (Mile)

As he heard Mile's question, the shopkeeper replied with an empty face.

"Well, I thought that there wouldn't be a fight because you girls would surrender easily.

After that if you girls kept insisting on not being thieves then I would ask you to tell me where had you procured the spices from to prove your innocence.

And I was going to listen to your excuses" (Shopkeeper)

"Did you intend to hand us to the guards to torture and execute us with a false accusation?"(Mile)

As he heard Mile said that, the shopkeeper was surprised and raised his voice.

"No, I did not mean to do that!

It would be enough if I knew the suppielier.

After I heard about it, I would give everyone the payment, I would say[Sorry, I misunderstood] and end everything!" (Shopkeeper)

The shopkeeper replied so, and Mile kept asking.

"What if we didn't talk about the supplier?" (Mile)

"...Huh?"(Shopkeeper)

"As I said, if we didn't talk about our suppliers, what would you do at that time?

Were you going to hand us over to the guards as bandits, or would you torture us to get it?"(Mile)

After he heard that, the shopkeeper said with bland look.

"... I didn't think about that"(Shopkeeper)

""""Huh?"""(Red Oath)

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"I didn't think that far ..."(Shopkeeper)
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Apparently, this shopkeeper is kind of stupid person.

"Well, there was no such possibility anyway" (Mile)

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"""""Huh?""""(Hunter + Shopkeeper)
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The shop owner and the hunters' voice overlapped.

"If we really confronted the hunters, we would beat them up and hand them over to the guards via guild, saying we were attacked by robbers" (Mile)

As the hunters heard that, they laughed lightly with Mile's words, like a funny joke.

Mile felt a little angry.

She asked all those things just because she wanted to know the shopkeeper's intentions.

After she heard everything, she said[Well, there was no such possibility anyway]as she didn't mind it that much.

But the hunters took her words as if she had said a joke.

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"Rena-san, Pauline-san!"(Mile)
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"Flame Explosion!"(Rena)

"Ice Needle!"(Pauline)

With Mile's signal, Rena and Pauline created a flock of small fireballs and ice needles overhead by casting magic with the spell's name only

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""""Huh!? Non-chant magics!""""(Hunters)
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All the hunters were surprised.

Meanwhile, Mile took out a copper coin from the item box and threw it with a flick toward Maevis.

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"Maevis-san!"(Mile)
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"Oh!"(Maevis)
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At that moment, Maevis swung her sword, slashed the coin and cought it with her other hand.

Yes, this was the technique that Mile had done in the past, [Copper slash]

In the town where Mile registered as hunter before.

The hunters in that town who witnessed Mile's technique named it[Copper slash].

Maevis heard about it from Laura, the receptionist at the guild, and asked Mile about it. Maevis leant that trick.

However, although it was a trick, it wasn't something anyone can imitate it even if they were tought.

Maevis can perform this technique easier than others because she used the sword that Mile had made.

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"""""(Hunters)
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The hunters who saw 2 fragments of the copper coin in Maevis palm, opened their eyes with astonishment.

They looked back at the flame bullets and ice needles floating above. Rena and Pauline kept increasing their numbers.

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""""You aren't finishing the spell! still?"""" (Hunters)
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Knowing the power of the [Red oath]

The hunters became pale as they imagined fighting[Red oath].

"But, It was a surprise that everyone of you girls is still so young ...

And you already had such an amazing swordsman, 2 magicians that were as strong as B rank.

You are still very young, are you the brain of the party?"(Hunter leader)

Mile heard the leader asking, shook her head.

"No, the party's brain is Pauline-san, ...

I'm just like a baby if compared to her intelligence

I'm both swordsman and magician"(Mile)

Rena told the hunters from the side.

"Mile is the strongest among us, in both sword and magic" (Rena)

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"""""Huh.....""""(Hunters)
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...Scary. These young girls are so scary! the 5 hunters thought so.

## **Chapter 135: Arbitration**



Apparently, the name of [Red oath]didn't spread to other countries.

Graduation test and other things.

Although the girls did quite a lot of amazing things, but they were still just a brand new C rank hunter group. It would be strange that their name spread to other countries. Even in Tirus Kingdom, beside the people who observed the graduation test directly, most people wouldn't know the name of [Red oath]even in city or rurals.

But there's still a possibility that Vail who defeated the leader of [Mithril's Roar]'s name will be heard across the country.

[Yes, Keikaku Doori]Mile thought.

And it's finally for the shopkeeper's punishment.

Aside from common sense and ability to read the moods, everytime the party encountered problems like this, Rena, Pauline, and of course Maevis weren't good about this. That's why, the girls often left it to Mile. Actually, all spice related matters were within Mile's discretion.

And after thinking for a while, Mile said to the shopkeeper.

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"... I will sell it for 12 gold coins"(Mile)
"""""Huh?"""" (Hunters + Shopkeeper)
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Heard Mile's words, everyone had a stupid face. Other than the other three members of [Red oath]

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"... ... What have you said?"(Hunter Leader)
"As I said, 12 gold coins"(Mile)
"""""".......""""" (Hunters + Shopkeeper)
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When Mile answered to the question of the hunter leader, the silence spread.

"How come!!"(Hunter Leader)

Saw the angry Hunter leader yelled, Mile explained the reason.

"Because, this shopkeeper, I don't think he is a bad guy ...

He just happened to see a chance to get a lot of spice that he wanted right before his eyes, and gave in to the evil ..."(Mile)

"If he is an ordinary and a righterous human being, there will be no evil! If we

let him go this time because the evil got it him, similar things will happen again. He is just that kind of guy.

And next time, he may hire a bandits instead of regular hunter, and the targeted victims may not be strong like you girls. The said victims will expose their secret by torture like a criminal with false charge. Didn't you just talk about it!"(Hunter Leader)

Certainly, that might be right.

But Mile talked back to the leader again.

"It's okay, because the shopkeeper seems fully reflect on his mistake, I think he will never think of strange things again.

Also, since this special spice is what I brought by my storage, it can't be purchased anywhere around here, and shopkeeper can't purchase from producer, absolutely.

In addition..."(Mile)

"In addition?"(Hunter Leader)

"If he does this again, we will come and push this spice into the shopkeeper's mouth, just as much as we have in this wooden container ..." (Mile)

As he heard that, shopkeeper was shivering and trembling. It's natural because it means [death] both mentally and physically. The hunters also had a bitter smile.

"If he swears not to do this again, then I guess it will be okay.

Because he isn't a bandit, even if you hand him over to the guard, you will not get any reward, our spices will not be sold and we will not make any profit. And this town will lose its only cafeteria. If there's no one have benefit, I will not do it.

But I guess we should give gim a little penalty and we will overlook his crime this time"(Mile)

"Penalty?"

"Yes, for example, each of you will receive a gold coin, in addition to the request fee, that 5 gold coins will be an annoying fee ..." (Mile)

"""""Ooooo!""""(Hunters)

"Even if we overlook your mistake this time, you better reflect on it yourself! You are human being, don't forget the heart of mercy!"(Mile)

As soon as they heard Mile's proposal, both the leader and their members changed their attitudes.

And when Mile looked at the shopkeeper, the shopkeeper was nodding with full strength.

When Mile stored the spices container other than the wooden basin, which was the deal, the shopkeeper leaked the voice [Ah...], but Mile didn't care. As expected, the shopkeeper didn't have enough money to make additional purchases.

That was also the reason why Mile only tried to sell as much as this wooden basin at the begining. Mile also told the shopkeeper that she purchased these spices in a distant country, they couldn't easily be replenished.

As Mile said earlier, [It can not be purchased around here] was never a lie because[She brought it from her storage], [It was made by themselves], [It was not purchased from any others shop around here]was also true because [It was made in the forest and was kept into Mile's storage]. Even if there was any person misunderstood it, that wasn't Mile's responsibility.

And the store owner pulled out the leather bag from the secret safe in the back of the store. He paid 12 gold coins for the [Red oath], the hunters received 5 gold coins and the sign of the request completion. Since their escort request fee has been deposited to the guild in advance, that fee will be received in the guild with the request completion report.

"...What to do?"(one of Red Oath)

"What shall we do....." (Another one of Red Oath)

After leaving that cafeteria, [Red oath] reported the completion of the request at the guild, and had a consultation near the request board. Originally, the girls planned to stay in this town for a few days, but after done with the spices request, there was no other interesting request.

If you asked other hunters about thing such as choosing a job based on whether it is interesting or not, they would most likely get angry, but [Red oath]didn't have any problem with money. And although there were cases that

they kept information like with the ancient dragons, this trip's main purpose was to [Success] any interesing request and earned points, kept earning points and to have fun daily life.

There was no need avoid monster hunting requests or collection requests, but if possible, the girls would like to do strange and funny requests, or to get more experience.

For the girls[Time is precious. They can not afford to waste it]

That's why what Mile said before ... [I want to be an average girl!] was rejected with [We do not have time!]

And then.

"Shall we go to the next town ...?" (Rena)

"Oo, let 's do it"(Pauline)

"I agree"(Maevis)

"... I want to leave this country soon to feel more secure" (Mile)

And everyone agreed, aimed at the borders.

They were already quite close to the border so it wasn't a big distance to the neighboring country.

"Okay then, once we return to the inn, we will tell them that we will be leaving" (Rena)

"""Oh!"""(Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

#### \*\*\* A few days later \*\*\*

[Calamity]cafeteria which had been temporarily closed due to the suspension of the arrival of spices, has resumed its business. The dish taste wasn't as good as before, but the menu became more abudant, the dish is cheap enough that can be sold to commoners. It flourished.

However, the shopkeeper left the limited time notice[This price reduced is only temporary due to the fact that my shop has purchased spices cheaply. After having used up the stock from this time, the shop will return to the original taste and price]

When the other restaurant got information that [Calamity was able to obtain

the spice cheaply, because the shopkeeper asked the hunter]. They put request for spice purchase all together in the hunter, but end of failure because there was no hunter who could accept the request.

And despite the expectation that other restaurant about [Kalamity] shop will put out [temporarily close] any time soon, it was only the amount of one party delivered, it would run out soon. However [Kalamity] limited-time sale has not ended so fast, even after the usual order spices finally arrived from the distance.

The shopkeeper realized the spices was too intense to use for cooking as a powder and tried many method. It's difficult to dissolve in water, but it melts in oil, alcohol, vinegar. As he noticed that, it was easy to use by dissolving in other liquid type and it became possible to reduce usage.

Anyway, it is pure crystal of capsaicin. Even he diluted it a lot, it still had enough pungent taste. Therefore, he was able to continue to use for a considerable long term.

After that, the shopkeeper of [Kalamity]put the last grip of the special spice into a small medicine pot and carefully kept it in the hidden safe. And whenever he faced any difficult time, he looked at the medicine pot from the safe for a while and then returned to work again.

What were the shopkeeper thinking when looking at that small pot? It was impossible for anyone but the shopkeeper to know it.